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Euro 2012 is coming home, says Brickies boss (and he's Scottish)

By Dean Kilpatrick

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SITTINGBOURNE FC boss Jim Ward has backed England to go all the way in Euro 2012 as pubs get set to cash in on big crowds turning out to watch the nation's crunch clash against Italy on Sunday.

Despite his Scottish roots, Mr Ward – who took over as Brickies boss along with brother Danny just a few weeks ago – believes England have shown a new spirit which could see them finally clinch major silverware for the first time since the World Cup triumph of 1966.

England play Italy in the quarter finals on Sunday night, after topping their group with wins against host nation Ukraine and Sweden and a 1-1 draw with one of the pre-tournament favourites France.

The former Ramsgate boss said: "I think Sunday's game will be very tight

– it will come down to a moment of skill or a slice of luck, and England have already had a huge slice of luck in their last match against Ukraine.

"They have done well to top the group. Roy Hodgson has come out a hero and he has managed to pull the team together in the same direction. There are no egos in the squad – the Rooneys, the Gerrards – they all know their place.

"No one has really shone in the tournament, and everyone looks beatable so anything could happen."

Meanwhile, pubs are bracing themselves for a bumper weekend with the regular big turn-out on Saturday likely to be emulated on Sunday too, as many flock to enjoy the atmosphere on big screens.

So far the pub trade has suffered this summer, with cash-strapped punters

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Picture: SCOTT HEAVEY

WEATHER

Stop raining on our trade

THE owner of two leading holiday parks on Sheppey has whipped up a storm by calling on weather forecasters to look on the bright side and stop predicting non-stop rain. The businessman says it is having a big impact on the holiday trade so far this summer and is often misleading.

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CAMPAIGN

Bomb ship is making waves

IF it were to blow up it would smash every window in Sheerness and send a 16ft tidal wave which could destroy Southend. And now the wreck of the SS Richard Montgomery, the war-time vessel laden with high explosives, is creating waves again for airport plans in the estuary.

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HEALTH

Save a life by giving blood

A DESPERATE appeal has been made for blood donors to give generously this month in order to cover an expected 30 per cent shortfall later this summer. Health chiefs expect the Olympic Games to see a big dip in the number of donations as people stay in to watch the action.

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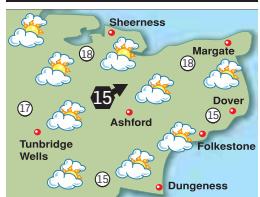
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TODAY: A fairly cloudy day, but it should stay dry with sunny intervals developing at times. Moderate to fresh south-westerly winds. Max temp 16-19C (61-66F).

TODAY'S HIGH TIDE (Metres)

Dover	01.51	6.3	14.19	6.4
Margate	03.01	4.6	15.15	4.6
St Mary's	07.46	5.2	20.04	5.3

WEEK AHEAD

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Max	18C	20C	20C	20C	21C	21C
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FOOTBALL

Pubs looking to make the most of key England match

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opting to stay in and watch TV with cheap supermarket-bought booze rather than splash out on big nights out. It has been further hit with poor weather keeping people inside rather than heading to the pub.

One landlord said: "There is still a culture of watching it at

home. If you look in the daily papers, you see adverts for drink cheaper than I can actually buy it for.

"You get more of an atmosphere at a pub. It's closer to being at the game itself, but more people are staying at home so the culture is changing."

However, it is hoped England's progress will deliver returns this weekend.

Chris Haynes, landlord at the Three Tuns Pub and Restaurant in Lower Halstow, has been luring crowds in with a curry and beer night every time England play.

He said: "So far it's going really well. It seems every match we show, the more people know about it so hopefully England keep progressing and it gets even better."

"I think we can beat Italy, but you never can tell with England."

Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) spokesman Jon Howard said: "Pubs are the hub of the community and draws people together during the sporting events and instead of spending the evening at home, people will get together down their local."

"When pubs are struggling to attract customers, it's good to have these national competitions to bring people in."

Experts say that should England beat Italy, get past likely semi-final opponents Germany and go on to win the tournament, it could kick-start a feelgood factor to the UK economy worth a staggering £2 billion.

CRIME

Trio jailed for their part in string of robberies from security vans

By Chrissie Daniels

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THREE men have been sentenced for the robbery of a security van full of cash in Sheerness.

The men appeared at Maidstone Crown Court on June 18 for their role in a series of robberies between July 23, 2009, and September 10, 2010.

The gang robbed security guards who were delivering cash to banks, targeting Lloyds TSB in Sheerness, in August 2010.

Jeton Nushi, 20, from Kensington, London, was sentenced to three years and three months imprisonment in a young offenders' institute, after pleading guilty in May to being involved in the incident.

He admitted being the look-out for the robbery and driving a stolen BMW used as a get-away car.

He also pleaded guilty to two counts of burglary and asked for a further 14 offences to be taken into consideration.

Harry Disson, 18, also from Kensington, pleaded guilty in May to two counts of handling stolen cars, including the BMW used in the

Sheerness robbery.

He was sentenced to 12 months in a young offenders' institute for each offence, to run concurrently.

Disson was given a further eight-month concurrent sentence for dangerous driving after he was involved in a police pursuit in Canterbury in September 2010. He was also given a 12-month driving ban and will have to take an extended driving test before he regains his licence.

Ashley Jarman, 20, from Gillingham, pleaded guilty in November 2011 to handling the stolen BMW and also buying another vehicle to convert £3,800 of the cash from the robbery.

He received a community order of 100 hours unpaid work and a 12-month supervision order.

The sentences follow the convictions of two Sheerness men, Peter William Clarkson, 56, and his son Peter Dennis Clarkson, 34, who also took part. The pair were jailed in December 2011 for a total of 28 years for a series of security van robberies in Kent and Surrey.

On sentencing, the judge said: "Robbery is a serious offence which could fall into the category of crime

when people are put at risk. Burglary is a serious offence which causes substantial losses and a sense of insecurity to the victims and those who read about it."

Detective Sergeant Rob Haines from the Serious and Organised Crime Unit of the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate, said: "These sentences are the culmination of a three-year investigation by the unit into an organised criminal group involved in robberies on security vans. While these three men were not the main ringleaders, they each played a key role either by taking part in the robberies or stealing and handling vehicles used in them."

"These convictions put another criminal group out of business and send a clear message that we will relentlessly pursue anyone involved in organised criminality and bring them before the courts so they can be punished for their crimes which have such an impact on innocent members of the public going about their daily business."

LOCKED UP: Jeton Nushi will spend three years and three months in a young offenders' institute



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TOURISM

Storm clouds gather as park boss hits out at forecasters

By Chris Murphy

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WEATHER forecasters, accused by a leading holiday park company of always raining on everyone's parade, have stormed back to defend their reputation.

The boss of a string of UK holiday parks – including two on Sheppey – has demanded the forecasters look on the bright side of the weather we have been having, because the gloomy delivery of the forecasts is putting people off holidaying.

Tony Clish said they must stop talking down the weather and exaggerating flood risks.

The director of Park Holidays UK, which includes Harts Holiday Park in Leysdown and Sheerness Holiday Park in Minster, as well as sites in Whitstable, New Romney, Dymchurch and Swalecliffe, said: "Just last week we were told that all caravan parks in southern England were on flood alert, this simply wasn't the case.

"Some parks in Wales did flood recently, but that's no reason to suggest caravans in Kent would soon be bobbing around on parks which have never flooded before."

He believes forecasters are afraid of being caught out after burning their fingers in recent years with inaccurate predictions of a barbecue summer.

And while this leads them to try and cover all eventualities in their forecasts, he warns the pessimistic outlooks pose a threat to Kent's tourist trade.

He said: "Coastal holiday parks in Kent often stay dry when it is raining inland, yet forecasters frequently tarnish the whole county with a single wet-weather symbol.

"We're not asking them to bend the truth, but just to be more careful with phrasing.

"For example, they could say that while inland areas may have showers, coastal areas are expected to be dry. If one symbol doesn't tell the whole story on a weather map, we say keep it in the box" he added.

But weather presenter Tomasz Schafernaker



HIGH PRESSURE: A holiday park boss has asked weather forecasters to take on a sunnier disposition

denied they were "deliberately pessimistic".

The presenter on BBC South East Today, said: "I understand Mr Clish's frustration and there is a tendency for forecasters to emphasise the negative aspects of the weather.

"Fundamentally, that's what weather forecasters are for; to highlight the dangers.

"But there is certainly no reason why we would want to dampen spirits or be deliberately pessimistic. It's just that our job is to pick out the most important parts of the weather which can affect people's lives."

And a spokesman for the Met Office said: "We give an accurate representation of what the weather is going to do and keep the public informed whatever the weather.

"We are as fed up as everyone else with all this rain in June, we wish we could always bring bet-

ter news. But the weather is what it is, and we bring this to the public in as impartial and accurate way as possible.

"We are all longing for a spell of nice dry sunny weather for a few days."

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ It's carnival time again

FLOATS from all over Kent will be flocking to the Sittingbourne Carnival this Saturday.

The event starts at 3pm at Milton Recreation Ground, Vicarage Road, and will arrive at the High Street at around 5.30pm.

The Mayor of Swale, Pat Sandle, will attend the opening to see the visiting carnival queens before watching the parade and procession.

New community radio station, SFM, will also be taking part.

➔ Farming World shock

POPULAR tourist attraction Farming World will close its doors on Thursday, June 28, as a mark of respect to its owner and founder, John Johnson, who passed away while on holiday last week. He was 65.

His funeral will take place on Thursday at Faversham Parish Church at 12.30pm.

Mr Johnson was in Scotland with his wife when he died. He grew up in Faversham. He leaves two grown-up children and a grandchild.

➔ Union's plant pressure

A MEETING between the new owners of the Thamesteel plant and union bosses failed to take place this week, following the Al-Tuwairqi Group's decision to buy the firm from administrators.

Representatives from the Community union say they are still pushing for a meeting to gauge job opportunities, after more than 350 people lost their jobs when it closed in January.

However, the owners say they are still seeking investors, raising fears over any swift return to production.

ENTERTAINMENT

Beautiful South singer set for sell-out show in hotel

FORMER lead singer of chart-toppers the Beautiful South and the Housemartins, Paul Heaton is to play an intimate show at a hotel in Eastchurch tonight.

The singer-songwriter will perform at the Shurland Hotel in a gig which has already sold out.

It will be a rare chance for fans to catch the million-selling performer in such a small venue, and is part of a UK and Ireland tour of pubs during which he is cycling between each venue.

In total he expects to peddle some 2,500 miles.

The tour started in Man-



ON TOUR: Paul Heaton

chester, at a pub he runs in Salford, and wraps up in London tomorrow, Saturday, with a high profile greatest hits set at the Barbican.

The London shows will

celebrate his 50th birthday with performances of his acclaimed rock opera The 8th followed by a run through of some of his best-known songs.

During the mid 80s, as lead singer of the Housemartins, he scored hits such as Happy Hour, Caravan of Love and Me and the Farmer.

After the band split, he formed the Beautiful South with former Housemartins drummer Dave Hemmingsway.

They enjoyed hits with the likes of Perfect Ten, Song for Whoever and You Keep It All In.

Mr Heaton left the band in 2006 and has pursued a solo career since.

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CAMPAIGN

The time bomb estuary airport could detonate if it gets the nod

Picture: GILL EDWARDS

By Marijke Cox

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ALMOST 70 years ago American cargo ship the SS Richard Montgomery grounded on the sandbank off Sheerness while en route to the UK loaded with explosives.

Despite a major salvage attempt and the removal of half of the munitions load, the vessel flooded completely and efforts were abandoned, leaving 1,400 explosives still onboard; enough to send a 16ft tidal wave against the Kent coast and blow out every window in nearby Sheerness.

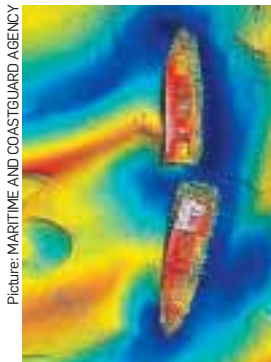
The sunken warship has since remained on the sandbank close to the Medway approach channel and to the east of the Isle of Grain, near to where Mayor of London Boris Johnson and architect Lord Foster are both looking to build a giant hub airport.

Campaigners argue that constructing such a development so close to a wreck loaded with explosives is madness, with co-chair of the Lib Dem parliamentary party committee on transport, Julian Huppert, calling it "bonkers".

His comments followed last month's release of the latest survey report into the condition of the wreck by the Department for Transport.

It found that while there had only been a small deterioration between 2009 and 2010, it would be difficult to make long term predictions on the future stability of the site due to the "dynamic nature" of the surrounding environment.

Three key factors were highlighted that would affect the future stability and deterioration of the wreck site; the strength of the hull structure,



Picture: MARITIME AND COASTGUARD AGENCY

the environment around the wreck and the condition of the munitions inside it.

The DfT said the risk of an explosion was "remote" but this latest survey prompted an outcry by Mr Huppert, MP for Cambridge.

"This report shows the ship's slow deterioration is continuing, with the lethal cargo still on board," he said. "This must surely put an end to the bonkers idea of building an airport in the Thames Estuary."

"Just last month the Royal Navy had to destroy a wartime mine found in the estuary because of the 'significant risk to public safety'."

"If this cargo ship was disrupted by construction the explosion would be 2,000 times larger, it would blow out every window in Sheerness, and create a 16ft wave just outside the capital."

"The last time we tried to move a similar wreck it exploded. Without a credible plan to deal with this mess there's no way Boris' plans will ever get off the ground."

Ukip leader and MEP for Kent Nigel Farage, from Westerham, called the proposed develop-

ment insane.

He told this paper: "Perhaps it's me being picky, but I wouldn't like to travel from an airport, let alone work there, which is in the vicinity of a deadly sunken ship from World War Two."

"An investigation in 2004 concluded that a collision, an attack or even the shifting of the cargo of high explosives in the tide could cause detonation... wiping out Southend."

Campaigners from Stop Estuary Airport have also expressed fears over an airport being developed next to a sunken warship.

In a structural survey of the vessel in 2009 by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, concerns were raised about deterioration in one of the holds containing thousands of bombs. But little change was seen in a further examination in 2010.

A spokesman for the Mayor of London said the SS Montgomery would need to be considered. He stressed, however, that engineers had found the wreck would not prevent construction of an airport.

A DfT spokeswoman said the most recent survey showed the vessel continued to remain in a stable condition and the risk of any explosion was still remote.

"However, as activity in the estuary continues to increase – including construction of a new container port – it is only right that we consider the options for ensuring the safety of those in the area," she said.

She added that no decisions had been taken about any future work on the ship and that the matter was completely unrelated to the ongoing development of the aviation strategy.



NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Don't take water risks

A FREE event takes place at Beachfields Park in Sheerness this Saturday as part of Water Safety Awareness Week.

Swale council is backing the event in a bid to reduce the 400 people who drown each year in the UK. The aim is to educate people to the dangers and help people enjoy the water safely.

The Sheerness event will feature the local lifeboat, coastguard, fire service and Royal Lifesaving Society. It runs from 10am-3pm.

➔ MP close to book goal

GORDON Henderson says he is getting close to completing his pledge to share 20 books as part of a nationwide campaign.

The Tory MP is taking part in Bookstart 20, in a bid to encourage families to share books. Mr Henderson has been touring schools reading from his own book, The Litter Angel, which he hopes to have published next year.

He recently visited schools in Rodemersham, Murston, Teynham and Queenborough.

➔ Garden set to bloom

A SPECIAL event takes place in Faversham next Saturday as part of a project to create a garden at the Jubilee Centre in Whitstable Road.

Organised by The Conservation Volunteers, the event is part of a series of outdoor activities for all age groups. On June 30, volunteers are needed to help create a garden to boost the community, with the help of Friends of Abbeyfields Day Nursery. It runs from 10am to 1pm.

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CRIME

Big guns unveil frontrunners in the race for power as Police and Crime Commissioner

By Marijke Cox

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MEDWAY Council's Craig Mackinlay has been officially named the Conservative candidate in the race to be named Kent's first Police and Crime Commissioner.

The River Ward Tory was selected at last weekend's hustings by party members.

The 45-year-old chartered accountant, from Chatham, is a current member of the Kent Police Authority (KPA). This will be disbanded and replaced by the commissioner role later this year.

The PCC – who will serve a four-year term – will have the power to hold Kent Police to account, determine a policing strategy, set the budget, and hire and fire the chief constable.

Cllr Mackinlay says he will have to relinquish his KPA post once his nomination papers are officially submitted, although this is not likely to be until October, just weeks before it closes for good.

The former Rainham Mark Grammar School pupil said he was honoured to be selected.

He stressed that cuts in the force were a catalyst for change, explaining: "Because of these cuts, Kent will see a new policing model. It will be at the heart of all policing – link that with my skills as a chartered accountant and I can conserve main frontline policing with the budget we've got."

He pledged to cut police paperwork and bureaucracy so officers were free to get back on the beat and he vowed to keep Special Constables in the force by offering them skilled work rather than "dull" roles.

He said his priority campaign messages included a total war on drug use and supply, through a mixture of absolute enforcement and strongest possible sentencing with the promise of real, accessible help to those seeking to get drugs out of their lives, and a 'no broken window policy' of early intervention by the police, local authorities and other partners where early indicators of anti-social behaviour arise. He also vowed to bear down on rural crime with the creation of a dedicated task group, manned by Special Constables.



"The backdrop of reduced budgets offers an opportunity for positive change," he added.

He will go head-to-head with main rival Harriet Yeo, who last weekend was named the official Labour candidate.

Leader of the Labour group on Ashford Borough Council and president of the TSSA – a union representing the British Transport Police. She had received the backing of the Medway Labour group.

The pair will fight in the November 15 poll, which will select Kent's first PCC. The Lib Dems have not yet put forward a candidate.

Ironically, Cllr Yeo received the call announcing her victory after discovering her home in the village of Kingsnorth, near Ashford, had been burgled.

Cllr Yeo said she would not stand for cuts in the force.

She stressed that she would stop privatisation of the police and



"Not handing it over to private companies or leaving it only to PCSOs," she explained.

Her other three pledges are to back a strong and swift response to antisocial behaviour, with victims getting a response within 24 hours; to be tough on crime and the causes of crime; and to protect the police from political interference.

She added: "We did not support the Tory-led Government's policy of PCCs because we believe the £100m cost would be better spent on frontline policing."

"But we can't leave communities to Tory PCCs who will merely be cheerleaders for Government cuts, and we won't be able to change the Government's policy until the next General Election."

Independent hopefuls in the PCC race are former Mayor of Medway Dai Liyanage; Ken Little, from Whitstable; former Kent police officer Fran Croucher; and property tycoon Fergus Wilson, from Maidstone.

The English Democrats have chosen member Steven Ucles.

Former Kent Police Authority member Mr Liyanage urged Home Secretary Teresa May to ensure all police watchdog candidates be vetted before being allowed to stand.

CHOSEN:

Tory Craig Mackinlay and Labour's Harriet Yeo are among the named candidates

LOW TURNOUT PREDICTED FOR PCC ELECTION

FEARS have been raised that November's PCC election will be nothing more than a damp squib.

Member turnouts for the candidate selection process for the Tories at the three hustings in Medway, Tonbridge and Canterbury totalled a dismal 300.

The Labour Party fared much better, with the turnout figure reaching 952.

Both the Labour hopeful Harriet Yeo and Tory candidate Craig Mackinlay stressed how important it was for the public to understand the role of the PCC.

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HEALTH

Urgent plea for people to be good sports and give blood

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HEALTH chiefs are making a desperate appeal for blood donors to give generously this month ahead of an expected dip during the Olympic Games.

Traditionally, the number of people donating blood drops dramatically during major national events.

And with the demand for blood to help save lives as strong as ever, NHS Kent and Medway is calling on donors – new and old – to not forget to make their life-saving contribution ahead of London 2012 and the belated arrival of summer.

It has teamed up with the NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) campaign to increase blood supplies by 30 per cent above normal levels to cater for the expected decline.

Dr Robert Stewart, co-medical director, NHS Kent and Medway said: "We know even regular donors can miss appointments when distracted by national events and celebrations. With an



increase in the number of visitors to the UK, it's important people still give blood, and don't forget

their appointments in the excitement of the European Football Championships, Olympic and Para-

lympic Games and music festivals.

"Blood donation is important and each unit of donated blood, which is just under a pint, saves or improves the lives of up to three patients. If you are eligible, please make an appointment."

NHSBT manages the national voluntary donation system for blood, tissues, organs and stem cells and supplies around two million units of blood each year to hospitals in England and north Wales. Blood is used to help treat health conditions including cancer and long term illnesses, trauma incidents and maternity care.

Jon Latham, spokesperson for NHS Blood and Transplant said: "We know our regular donors feel a strong sense of team spirit and positivity about their contribution to the health of the nation, so this campaign will help capture the national spirit of 2012 and ensure we are well prepared for the summer's festivities."

See www.blood.co.uk or call 0300 123 23 23 for more details.

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Fury over closure plan

COUNCIL leader Andrew Bowles has been left fuming after the owners of a Faversham sheltered housing scheme revealed it was to close, leaving an uncertain future for its elderly residents.

The Anchor Trust says Herbert Dane Court would cost £600,000 over five years to bring it up to standard. But the Tory leader says he has written to both the trust and social housing regulator to express his "dissatisfaction".

➔ Ticket wins jackpot

A LUCKY winner from Faversham has scooped the £2,000 top prize in the latest Pilgrims Hospices Lottery Draw.

The charity fundraiser for June 15 saw the winner pocket the weekly top prize.

Tickets cost £1.

All money raised goes to the hospice which provides free palliative care to patients from across east Kent. To enter the draw see www.pilgrimshospices.org.

➔ Cantiana church show

THE 30-strong singing group Cantiana perform a special show in Doddington on Saturday.

The Taste of Summer show will take place at the St John The Baptist Church. It promises to be a "pop orientated programme". Cantiana are based in the villages of Doddington and Newnham.

Tickets cost £7 and include sherry or soft drinks and cake. It starts at 7.30pm.



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FUNDRAISING

Triathlon challenge to help greyhounds

RETIRED greyhounds are set to benefit from the remarkable efforts of two women who will compete in a gruelling triathlon to raise funds for a Sittingbourne charity.

Angela Taylor and Jackie Lee from Thanet will join some 1,000 other competitors taking part in the Outlaw Triathlon in Nottingham on July 1.

The event sees those taking part swim 2.4 miles, then cycle 112 miles before running a full 26.2 mile marathon and all in less than 17 hours.

The duo will be raising money for the Retired Greyhound Trust, which was set up to re-home some of the greyhounds retired from racing at Sittingbourne's Central Park.

It is estimated some 9,000 greyhounds retire nationwide each year – many of them in need of a loving home to see out their retirement years.

The two triathletes have been putting in training of up to 15 hours a week across all three disciplines.

They said: "We're determined to cross the finishing line both for the personal satisfaction and the promised sponsorship for the Sittingbourne Retired Greyhound Trust."

See www.rgtsittingbourne.co.uk for details on the charity or see www.justgiving.com/JaxandAngegolroning to sponsor them.



CHARITY

Death of brother inspires cyclist to pedal from London to Brighton

By James Benjamin
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WHEN Jamie Robb lost his brother Ricky from an undiagnosed heart condition last year, he vowed to do all he could to prevent others suffering the same fate.

And last week he literally got on his bike to make a difference.

The 35-year-old from Faversham joined more than 27,000 other cyclists taking part in the London to Brighton Bike Ride.

The Father's Day event consisted of a 54-mile route, with monies raised from the event going to the British Heart Foundation.

And with the help of generous family and friends, Mr Robb hopes to have raised a staggering £4,000 for the charity.

Mr Robb said: "Taking part in this event was a real challenge and an incredible experience. The atmosphere on the day was brilliant and I am proud to have been part of this amazing cycle event."

"Knowing I was cycling for such a great cause kept me going."

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Sponsored by Santander, the charity ride is now in its 37th year, with an estimated 747,500 riders having taken part in the gruelling event, pedalling some 40 million miles between them. Over the course of its history it has raised £54 million for the charity.

Ditchling Beacon is the highest

point of the ride at 813 feet, and is a renowned challenge for cyclists.

The event now forms part of three key cycling events which raise money for the charity. In May there was a London to Brighton Night Ride and there is also an off-road event between the two cities scheduled for later this year.

A spokesman for the charity said: "The BHF is dedicated to saving lives through research, patient care, campaigning for change and by providing vital information. But we urgently need help. We rely on donations of time and money to continue our life-saving work."

Visit bhf.org.uk for more details.

ON HIS BIKE:
Jamie Robb took part in the London to Brighton Bike Ride to raise funds for British Heart Foundation

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The event on Saturday, July 14, is more than a concert, and offers a diverse classical orchestral programme, interwoven with specially selected choral and solo pieces and the visual spectacle of military musicians, field guns, fireworks and aircraft displays.

The inspiring outdoor programme welcomes back John Rigby as conductor and a new narrator this year in Chris Hollins, former sports presenter on BBC Breakfast.

Solo performances are from leading tenor Wynne Evans and Claire Rutter the highly respected soprano, plus the Capital Voices, returning to perform songs from the iconic band, Queen.

The military band this year is

the Central Band of the RAF plus displays by nostalgic aircraft such as the Spitfire, Hurricane and Mustang.

There will also be a special appearance from the Military Wives Choir who were created during BBC Two reality show The Choir.

Tickets are £35 each for picnic style and only £45 each in the seated areas, see www.heritageevents.co.uk.

To be in with a chance of being one of our five winners, just answer this question:

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Alternatively enter by post to Leeds Castle Competition, Archant KOS Media, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Kent TN25 6SS.

CRIME

Three raids, five arrests and 72 plants found as police follow up tip off

By James Benjamin
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FIVE people have been arrested and bailed after police carried out a series of raids on property in Sittingbourne.

Warrants were executed after a tip-off that drugs were being sold in three homes in Cavell Way. Police say 72 cannabis plants were seized.

Detective Constable Perry Wraight from Kent Police said: "Every time we seize and destroy cannabis plants we deprive people of the potential to make money from illegal activity."

"If anyone suspects drugs offences are taking place within their community I would urge them to report it so we can investigate and further disrupt the illegal supply and production of illegal substances."

"In some cases, people growing cannabis in their homes



ILLEGAL ACTIVITY:

Police urge members of the public to alert them to suspicious activity in a bid to bring an end to the drugs trade

tamper with the electricity supply, which can present a fire hazard and put lives at risk."

A woman, aged 33, was arrested on suspicion of cultivating cannabis and possession of amphetamine. She was released on bail until June 28.

Also, a 47-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of cultivating cannabis. A 27-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of cultivating cannabis and theft. A 48-year-old man

was arrested on suspicion of cultivating cannabis and possession of a controlled drug. And another man, aged 32, was arrested on suspicion of cultivating cannabis and theft. All four were released on bail until August 3.

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EDUCATION

Pupils cook up a taste of the workplace with day at top restaurant

By Chrissie Daniels

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PRIMARY school children tested their business skills last week when they tried their hand at running a restaurant.

The 29 children from Newington Primary School spent a day at Vari Indian Restaurant on Newington High Street.

The trip was organised to educate the 10 and 11-year-old pupils about a different culture and also to show them how a business operates.

Restaurant staff spent the day demonstrating food preparation, how to lay tables and how to serve customers.

Pupils also helped chefs prepare some of the restaurant's exotic dishes, then served them to their teachers.

Three teaching assistants supervised the visit, as well as



acting head of the school, Trudi Godfrey. She said: "This is the second year Vari has invited us along and it is an exciting and educational day away from the classroom for the children."

"It teaches them the importance of teamwork and hospitality and develops their com-

munication and general skills in a fun way. All Vari's staff were so friendly and helpful."

To see how much the pupils had learnt, restaurant staff gave them a test at the end of the day. The children had to decorate dessert plates with sauces and identify faults in



FUN LEARNING: The children experienced a different culture while learning about business

erates. Their comments and success in a short test showed how much they learned."

Vari was closed to the public during the visit and the staff, who volunteered to help run the training day, served the children with a complimentary meal before presenting them with certificates.

Three pupils – Yasmin, Alfie and Paige – each received a prize of a free family meal for their efforts during the visit.

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OPINION

Apprentices answer call for help

There are arguments over whether trading or training is the answer to our economic woes, **Paul Rees** says it's a combination of the two

I'M not someone to harp on about the recession but... the debates rage on – should there be better terms for employers to recruit staff with less commitment?

Would that in turn make workers feel less secure and be less likely to spend what they earn? Would this then slow spending further therefore compounding the problems the new policies would be designed to solve?

The UK appears to be finding it difficult to shake this recession. And, like in the new Avengers movie, the call has gone out to private businesses to trade us out of poverty.

So, in David Cameron's head the ideal scenario is for you business owners to work extra hard so your taxes can fill the deficit – in turn the jobs you create will relieve the burden on the benefits system and we will start to see light at the end of the tunnel.

So far so obvious.

Raising capital through the bank to start or grow your business is tough. You start-ups can probably forget venture capitalists as well. Then all that are left are the sharks, and they fill me with more dread than actual sharks.

So how do you go about answering the call, increasing output, and building your team and your business? One way is to take on apprentices.

All I can do is set out what I see are the advantages to helping a young person to achieve their goals while simultaneously achieving yours at a bargain basement price.

Firstly it's not how it used to be. Once upon a time you would be called by a jobcentre and asked if you would be interested in taking someone on.

Sometimes that would work out, the person would be keen and you'd enjoy the extra pair of hands. Other times someone

would show up and you'd have to remind them what their name was.

However, fast forward to today and the platform has changed.

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So, this poses the question. Is it businesses, or the youth of today who have had the Avengers call from government? Do we trade or train our way out of recession?

We are convinced its both.

■ **Paul Rees is managing director of WMC Training in Chatham.**

KOS COMMENT

Speak up on the future of county's rail services

AFTER years of problems on Kent's railways, the Government is getting ready to sit up and listen to the people who have been shouting for years about the train service.

Yes, commuters are finally being given the chance to officially have a say on how things should be improved, and whether or not Southeastern's franchise should be renewed.

And they know the reality, having battled with chaos during the cold snap, changes to services, and sky-high fares; ministers will hear the facts straight from the horse's mouth.

So grab this overdue opportunity and make sure it doesn't slip through your fingers, this could be a chance to make a real difference to rail services.

Cheering on Roy's boys

WE'RE all hoping for an England win this weekend, not only to silence the critics but to lift the mood of the whole nation.

But whatever the result against Italy, just enjoy the Sunday – there might be enough sunshine for a barbecue, and pubs are predicting full houses.

Football is meant to be fun, isn't it?

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Disgusted by the oppression

IAN R Elliott (Letters, July 17) states the Church and State must not divorce – but which Church exactly?

The Church of England; a church which was founded so Henry VIII could divorce women when they didn't do what he wanted? What about Catholicism and Protestantism, both of which have been main (read: sole and compulsory) religions depending on who was sat on the throne at the time?

Britain is a multicultural country and it is wrong for any religion to assert its subjective ideals over unwilling citizens. Likewise it is wrong for any person or people to oppress any other person or people; how many wars have been fought to maintain this simple fact?

I am disgusted by how people such as Mr Elliott

wish to disregard these heroic efforts by blatantly promoting such outrageous and unjustifiable oppression.

Drew J Smith, Gillingham

Marriage is a right for us all

I personally believe same-sex marriage is not a bad thing but good. Every person on this planet has a right to life and a right to live their life as they choose.

Love is a very personal emotion and marriage is a way for two people (no matter what gender, race or background they have) to declare that they love each other and are willing to spend the rest of their lives with one another.

I wholeheartedly support the LGBT community and believe it is about time for the Church and State to separate.

There are so many religions with so many people having faith in different ways, gods and belief systems.

The State should represent every citizen of every religion equally – having policies and viewpoints which don't restrict or control the Church, whilst the Church shouldn't have a heavy influence on the State.

Charlotte Stuart, Tunbridge Wells

We focus on the children

ALTHOUGH it was useful to see county council leader Paul Carter highlighting the issues of vulnerable children sent to Thanet from London I would have hoped someone might have contacted The Margate Taskforce at Thanet District Council, which falls under my remit, and which has produced the evidence required to send to Mayor Boris Johnson.

For many years a lot of good organisations worked in isolation to alleviate the

problems we have in Thanet but it is only recently that all are co-located on the fourth floor at Thanet District Council and working road by road in Cliftonville to establish the facts.

This co-location on one floor enables the police, social, fire and health along with community groups to share information and work to alleviate our problems.

Building on Your Home Your Health and Clean Sweep experience we collate information to ensure resources are targeted and more effective. Ward councillors and residents ensure areas of concern are brought to the Taskforce's attention and it is a team effort.

I was also interested to see MP Laura Sandys featured on Newsnight. If she would like to contact me I would be more than happy to work with her and to advise that the work we do is not about personal publicity but the well-being of children and

the peace of mind of our existing community.

Cllr Iris Johnston, Cabinet Member for Community Services Thanet District Council

Tory rule is no longer a given

MAY I please thank the people who supported me by voting Ukip in the Tunbridge Wells East by-election.

We did not win, but the thousand votes I got made this the first county council election in which Ukip was a serious contender and came within a couple of hundred votes of winning.

Our vote share went up by 16 per cent, the Conservative share dropped by 17 per cent, while the Lib Dem and Labour parties remained static.

I, of course, wish the winner James Tansley well in his new position, but can assure everyone that the time of automatic appointment

of Conservatives to the county council has come to an end in Tunbridge Wells.

Chris Hoare, Ukip candidate for Tunbridge Wells East

It's time to oust David Cameron

SO David Cameron has lost the party more than 100,000 members.

Surely there is a message there for the party that the people do not trust Mr Cameron at all owing to the large number of broken promises and U-turns he has made. The same goes for George Osborne – a complete waste of time as chancellor.

It must be time for a vote of no confidence against Mr Cameron before he and his front bench do irreparable harm to the party.

RE Tucker, Sheerness

Cash could be better spent

THE new Bomber Command memorial looks really good. At the cost of millions.

If it was possible to ask those heroes where the money should have gone, I am sure they would have all said:

1. To the heroes and injured personnel of our current unwanted war in Afghanistan who are struggling to manage.
2. To the forces that are being made redundant.
3. To pay for badly needed equipment.

So many other things.

Adrian Ottley, Birchington

Nuclear dump is madness

SO someone has come up with a plan that it would be a good idea to store all our waste under Romney Marsh?

I would like to have Dungeness C built to bring employment to the area, we managed to build two power stations in the past without disturbing the wildlife too much. But this latest proposal is just plain nuts, if the powers that be read your newspaper, may I ask the question: before they came up with this idea did they consider using the disused coal mines all over the country, surely they are deep enough and safe enough to store our entire waste?

Doug Capon, Dover

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Elderly will pay price of 'simplified' tax rules

Q IT WAS announced in the budget that the age-related tax allowance for those between 65 and 74 is to be capped at the current £10,500 until the basic personal allowance for under-65s, which is currently £8,105, catches up with it. The age allowance will then be discontinued or, in Treasury parlance, 'simplified'. I understand that at present those who receive this allowance lose £1 of it for every £2 by which their income exceeds £24,500 a year. Will this income limit be removed?

A I HOPE Chancellor George Osborne understands the confusion his 'simplification' proposals have caused among pensioners. In his budget speech, he actually made it sound as if he was doing senior citizens a favour by abolishing a valuable tax allowance because it was complicated. Your letter sums up the situation spot on, except that the income ceiling for claiming the full age allowance is £25,400, not £24,500. And yes, when the tax threshold for under-65s catches up with the age allowance of £10,500 – or slightly higher for over-75s – then the income limit will no longer apply. Everyone over 65 will receive the same tax allowance as everyone under 65. There is also a plan in the pipeline to tax the state pension at source, though it is early days yet to say when, or even whether, this will actually begin to operate.

Q I WANTED to invest in the Santander cash Isa paying 3.3pc interest, so took the money from my existing Isa with Nationwide, but Santander refused to accept any more than £5,640.

A I AM afraid you have slipped up by trying to transfer the money yourself, and you have now lost the existing tax exemption. To preserve the exemption, you should have got the two banks to arrange the transfer between themselves. Santander can now accept only this year's maximum tax-free deposit, which is £5,640.

Q PLEASE explain what has happened to the Post Office Investment Account. I have been told my passbook is no longer valid and the Post Office will no longer deal with my account. This is quite worrying.

A YOUR Investment Account is as safe as it ever was. We all think of it as a Post Office account because that is where everyone has gone for years to make deposits and withdrawals, but in fact the account is run by National Savings so your money is guaranteed by the Government. On the downside, the Investment Account is no longer as convenient. As part of its 'modernisation' scheme,

TONY HETHERINGTON
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National Savings has scrapped the Post Office counter service and abolished the passbook. In future, you must operate your account by post, and you will be sent statements to replace your passbook. With interest of just 0.75pc, I suspect you could find a more convenient account that will pay higher interest, too.

Q MY ELDERLY mother received a letter saying her state pension will no longer be paid by cheque, and it will go straight to her bank account. However, she does not have a bank account. There is no bank branch in her village. The nearest is a bus ride away, and she is getting past being able to travel. Why are cheques being stopped?

A AT PRESENT, your mother can cash her cheque at the Post Office, so clearly she has a post office within reach. In this case, she can open a Post Office Card Account, and the Department for Work & Pensions will pay her pension into that. The alternative is that she can have a Paypoint card. If there is a shop near her that operates Paypoint, she can then draw her pension from it. The Government says the changes are to fight fraud and theft, but I suspect it has more to do with saving the cost of posting cheques to pensioners.

Q I HAVE received an email offering a 7pc return on something called the Tideway Managed Bond Account. Is this a scam?

A THIS is not a scam. Tideway (0203 178 5982) is licensed by the Financial Services Authority so investors are protected by the usual compensation fund. But this account is not risk-free. Tideway pools customers' money and invests it in corporate bonds – IOUs issued by companies such as Bupa, Lloyds TSB and Standard Life. Those companies pay interest on their IOUs, Tideway takes a small cut, and you get the rest. The risk is that a company might default on repaying its IOU, or the stock market value of its bonds could fall, meaning you might not get back every penny you invested.

■ If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. We regret that neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.

Don't forget to pack the travel insurance

Small cost of travel insurance can cover a much larger bill should you suffer misfortune. **ADAM AIKEN** reports

OPTING out of buying travel insurance might make the cost of your holiday a few pounds cheaper – but it is a move that can backfire spectacularly, leaving you facing a massive bill if something goes wrong.

Most people's foreign trips are completed without problem, but things do sometimes go awry.

In 2010, British insurers received nearly 340,000 claims for medical expenses incurred abroad – a three-fold increase over six years.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Office helped more than 3,700 Britons who needed overseas hospital treatment during the same year.

But while that assistance was no doubt appreciated, the Foreign Office does not cover the cost of any treatment or medical repatriation, and its help does not replace the need for adequate travel insurance.

"Being caught without insurance in the event of an accident or falling ill abroad could lead to you paying out hundreds, if not thousands, of pounds in medical care and repatriation costs," said Tom Bishop, head of travel insurance at Direct Line.

Within Europe, carrying a European Health Insurance Card is a sensible way to access local health services, but it is not an adequate replacement for travel insurance.

All it does is offer card holders the same standard of state-provided treatment that locals receive – and that standard is not necessarily equal to that we get on the NHS.

"It will also not cover any repatriation costs, which can run into tens of thousands of pounds," said Mr Bishop.

"We advise all holidaymakers to protect themselves by making sure they are insured against any losses in case the worst happens."

Because we all enjoy the benefits of our "free" NHS here in the UK – it is "free" in the sense that we don't pay for it at the point of delivery – it can be easy to overlook the actual cost of medical treatment.

For example, a one-night stay on a Turkish hospital ward costs £1,100, while a one-night stay in a Spanish intensive care unit costs £1,600.

And if you think that's steep, consider the costs if you fall ill in the US. Over there, the cost of a one-night stay in an intensive care unit can run into five figures; an angiogram can cost £20,000; and an air ambulance to bring you back to the UK from the west coast can cost £65,000.

The thing about all insurance – whether it's home insurance, pet in-



KNOW WHAT YOU ARE SIGNING...

READ the small print and know what the exclusions and excesses are.

Are you covered for terrorism? Depending on where you go in the world, this could be a useful addition to your policy.

More than half of travel insurance policies offer this as standard.

Incidents that happen while you are under the influence of

drink or drugs can be excluded.

Jeremy Cryer at Gocompare said: "The majority of insurers expect holidaymakers to have a few drinks on holiday, but where it appears their judgment is so badly affected as a result and this is proven to have a strong bearing on the circumstances of the claim, the exclusion could apply and the insurer may refuse to pay a claim."

urance or travel insurance – is that it is a distressed purchase.

In other words, you benefit from having it only when things go wrong, and if you don't need to claim, it can feel like you have wasted your money.

But the huge costs you could face if you have an accident or fall ill when you are on holiday illustrate how worthwhile a decent travel insurance policy can be – and even if you do not need to claim on it, the peace of mind it provides can make all the difference to time away.

Mr Bishop said Direct Line – which deals with more than 7,000 claims a year involving travellers who have been admitted to hospital – recently paid out £280,000 after a baby was

born prematurely in the US, with the bill including an air ambulance back to the UK: £150,000 following a serious road accident in the US; and £140,000 for a premature baby born in China, involving a two-month stay in the country.

But even more minor problems can quickly lead to big bills. For example, a customer who tore a ligament while on holiday had a claim of £750.

Jeremy Cryer, head of travel at Gocompare.com, said: "When you consider that a travel insurance policy providing several million pounds-worth of cover can cost less than a meal out, it's really not worth taking the risk of travelling without it."

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Olympics time off? Let's talk

By Nick Ames

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EMPLOYERS need to be flexible this summer to accommodate issues raised by the Olympic and Paralympic Games, say workplace experts.

With Olympic organisers predicting one million extra Games-related journeys into the capital this summer and demand for time off to watch events, conciliation group Acas has issued advice for Kent employers on how to minimise the disruption to their business.

With the Paralympic cycling at Brands Hatch and visitors travelling through the county to get to the Games, for business-owners and commuters this will mean finding alternative routes into work.

It is expected some 90,000 people will be arriving through the Port of Dover.

This could mean arranging to work from home or travelling to and from the workplace at different times.

Acas advises that employers need to ensure they plan ahead of the Games and consider more flexible working arrangements to minimise potential disruption, manage staff expectations and ensure business runs smoothly.

Paul Beard, area director Acas South East, said: "Kent is playing a major role in this summer's Olympics as official hosts of the 2012 Paralympic cycling.

"The county will be welcoming athletes from across the globe, with spectators, visitors and volunteers travelling through the county to get to events.

"Employers can avoid potential problems by planning ahead. Your business



BE PREPARED: Peter Beard stresses the importance of working with your staff in preparation for the Olympic Games in London

operations could potentially look quite different during the Games as employers adapt policies and procedures."

He said this might mean having a skeleton staff in the office while others temporarily worked from home and employers could also consider working round problems by temporarily altering the working hours to avoid peak congestion times.

"Employers may want to take a more flexible approach to matters such as working hours and location during the Games," said Beard. "Simply making small but significant adjustments will mean a happier and more productive workforce this summer."

The Federation of Small Businesses is recommending employers start talking to employees early to manage expectations and minimise the impact on productivity.

Agreeing with the employees that they can take the relevant days or half-days off as part of their annual-leave entitlement is the usual way – employees who do have tickets for the Olympic or Paralympic Games should be advised to get in early with their holiday requests and most should now know what events and dates they will be attending.

Roger House, FSB chairman for Kent and Medway, said: "The key for employers has to be collaboration with

their employees. Whilst there is no legal requirement to give employees time off to watch the Olympic or Paralympic Games, even if they have been lucky enough to secure tickets to attend, there is simply no point in turning down an employee's request for time off on principle alone.

"Not only will this serve to disenchant the employee, it may also result in them taking the time off anyway – phoning in sick or taking unauthorised absence.

"The golden rule is to try and take action to prevent this happening in the first place by being clear about what you expect from your employees in relation to attendance and performance."

CONSTRUCTION

Company is reaping a rich harvest in Kent

ONE of the largest contractors in the UK, BAM Construct UK, has announced that its work across Kent has exceeded one third of a billion pounds in the last decade.

BAM's trio of academies in Medway – Brompton, Bishop of Rochester and Strood – means the firm will have completed 23 projects across Kent since 2003, totalling just over £350 million.

Other works include major retail developments and venues.

"It has been a very engaging county for us to do business," said Rod Stiles, construction director for the academies.

"Ten years ago we were building developments for pharmaceutical giant Pfizer and retail clients like Asda under mainly traditional-style contracts.

"Design-and-build contracts have become a lot more common since then, which suits a business like ours with its in-house design capabilities.

"It's helped us with major developments like Whitefriars in Canterbury and Bouverie Place in Folkestone.

"We have been very fortunate to have worked in most areas of the county."

Recently the contractor, which runs its South East operations from its offices in St Albans, handed over

the £34m Bluewater Events Venue, having previously refurbished Marks and Spencer at the retail park.

It also completed a development for Tesco in Orpington.

Whitefriars in Canterbury, however, remains its largest single contract at just below £50m for Land Securities.

Its work in Medway, which takes the company over the one-third-of-a-billion-pounds mark in the county, follows recent work for North West Kent College in Gravesend and Dartford.

"Schools are always special to build because so much of the community becomes involved and we can help young people learn new skills," said Stiles.

PORT

Taiwan VIPs dock at Dover

A VIP delegation from the newly-formed Taiwan International Ports Co, which manages the country's four main ports, has paid a visit to the Port of Dover.

The delegation was led by the president of TIPC, Lee Tau-Hsin, who recently co-hosted a visit to Taiwan by the Under Secretary of State for Transport, Mike Penning, of which Port of Dover representatives were a part.

The aim of the reciprocal visit was to build on the strong relationship between the two organisations and provide guidance and assistance to TIPC in respect of the development of the Taiwanese ports as they move into the next phase of their expansion.

The partnership between

Taiwan and Dover was emphasised in August 2011, when the Port of Dover signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Keelung Port to further develop ties with the ports and the marine industry in Taiwan.

Port chief executive Dr Bob Goldfield said: "It was a pleasure to welcome the TIPC to the Port of Dover.

The visit represents the strengthening of our relationship with Taiwan and gave us the opportunity to showcase the port and highlight our world-class expertise in the area of port management and port development.

"We look forward to building a long-term relationship and working together."

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Call for firms to focus on new international revenue sources

In uncertain economic times, businesses are forced to look to new markets to thrive. So this week we examine ideas for revenue streams outside of Britain – in a county that has the best links of any with continental Europe. But we also take a look at what traps business people can fall into when working overseas... and how to avoid them.

NOW is the time to cast our eyes abroad, says a business group.

According to the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB), the combination of small firms still struggling to access finance and no short-term solution to increasing bank-lending, it is time the Government looked beyond the shores of the UK for imaginative solutions to finance the UK's economic recovery and growth.

And business analysts say that Kent is ideally placed to lead the way in looking for new revenue streams because of the Kent business community's close links to Continental companies.

In the report *Alt+ Finance: Small Firms And Access To Finance*, the FSB is calling on the Government to promote alternative forms of finance, such as peer-to-peer lending models, and to learn the lessons from other countries where routes to finance are varied, local, longer-term and reliable.

The report draws on examples of best practice from German and US banks that highlight fundamental weaknesses in the UK banking model: a lack of transparency and diversity of financial institutions, as well as a limited local focus and control of lending decisions.

The comparisons are stark, says the group: between 2007 and 2010 there was a 24 per cent fall in the number of successful loan appli-



FOREIGN FIELD: Businesses are encouraged to look to international trade

cations for small businesses in the UK, compared with just a 9 per cent decrease in Germany. A similar story emerges from the US, where its Small Business Administration's Government-backed loans for small businesses have been a key factor in its economic recovery plan.

Tony Greenham, head of finance and business at New Economics Foundation, said: "Our one-size-fits-all banking system is dominated by a handful of large London-based national and international banks.

"Their global vision leads inevitably to many local blind-spots, and the UK has consistently

underperformed our major industrial competitors when it comes to supporting SME finance and regional growth.

"We need a richer diversity of financial institutions and funding sources to suit the needs of our innovative and entrepreneurial smaller companies.

"This report moves the debate beyond berating big banks and offers instead a host of complementary and cutting-edge alternatives that can help the UK build a world-class domestic financial system to equal the City's status as a world-class international financial centre."

To deliver similar benefits to UK small businesses, the FSB calls for:

- An increase in peer-to-peer lending available, with the Government assessing the possibility of opening up its own investor account to give the sector a boost.

- The Government to consider bringing asset-backed finance into the Business Finance Partnership £1 billion fund. About one in three small firms with external borrowing uses this form of finance.

- Community Development Finance Institutions to be brought into the mainstream and the Government to look at the success of the US in boosting this model through Government funding.

- The creation of a debt bond market for small businesses that need greater funding (upwards of £250,000) for fast growth, utilising smaller investment exchanges.

Without a varied local financial system, the FSB fears the potential of credit easing will never truly be realised as Government struggles to distribute funds.

And, with Independent Commission of Banking recommendations not kicking in for several years, it is more important than ever to bring forward innovative short-term solutions and get to work on the longer-term task of building a new financial infrastructure with a local focus to protect our economy, innovation and jobs from future crises.

We're increasingly turning to global trade opportunity

FIGURES show the South East continues to be the largest area for exporters, with a value of £42.5 billion for the year ending March 2012, despite a 2.4 per cent value decrease over the annual period.

Total exports for the South East in 2012 Q1 were £11.1bn, while the value of exports for the UK was just over £75.3bn in Q1 2012. Exports from the South East grew by £25.2 million between Q4 2011 and Q1 2012.

HSBC analyst Ian Tandy said: "These figures show international trade in the region is continuing to grow, with many businesses making good use of export opportunities.

"It is encouraging to see South East businesses embracing international trade in export markets. The domestic market is still very important, but international trade is a large part of many companies' business dealings and accounts for a large slice of the region's business growth.

"HSBC is well placed to help companies trading, or aspiring to trade, internationally, with our UK export-related business growing by a third last year compared with 13 per cent for the UK economy as a whole.

"Our strategy is based around international connectivity, with our joined-up structure and global footprint giving UK businesses access to global expertise and support.

"We have increased our number of international commercial managers in the South East by a third and HSBC's £4bn International SME Fund is also proving attractive to businesses."

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Firms have duty of care on business trips

BUSINESSES are being urged to remember their duty of care to employees travelling abroad as more companies prepare to expand into overseas markets as part of the Government's export drive.

There were more than 6.7 million overseas business trips made in the year ending July 2011, with employees facing some of the most tumultuous travelling conditions in decades caused by political unrest and natural disasters.

Despite this, leading insurance broker Bluefin, based in Gravesend and Dartford, says there is still a worrying lack of awareness among businesses about the employer's duty of care to workers undertaking overseas travel, with as many as 86 per cent of companies demonstrating a significant lack of awareness of the legal requirement to undertake pre-travel risk assessments.

According to a recent survey, 95 per cent of global companies have sent employees

on business trips to high-risk locations, making it even more important to carry out the right procedures – or businesses could find themselves being taken to court for negligence.

The warning comes from Bluefin following Business Travel Week, which raises awareness of issues in the business travel market.

Peter Castle, head of customer proposition, said: "With the Government encouraging UK companies to export more and to countries beyond the eurozone, there is likely to be an upsurge in employees travelling abroad, so making it essential that businesses understand their responsibilities for workers' health and safety when taking overseas trips.

"This issue has been compounded by political unrest in many parts of the world, including the Middle East and Greece, adding to the list of potentially dangerous destinations."

Under the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations, employers have a duty to

undertake pre-travel risk assessments, which should identify the reasonably foreseeable risks that may arise due to the travel.

The assessment should cover methods of transport, travel itinerary, destination, the employee's particular fitness to travel and work overseas, their particular prior travel experience, trip duration and specific risks of the destination.

Castle said: "Employers should ensure the employee is aware of the types of risk to which they may be exposed and to take action to mitigate these risks where possible through a travel-risk-management strategy."

If a company breaches its duty of care, it faces an unlimited fine and remedial orders, and courts may also impose a "publicity order" to name and shame the company in the national Press. In some circumstances, company directors can be personally liable for gross-negligence manslaughter or for health and safety offences.

Training, courses and careers

Blacksmithing course keeps alive traditional skills

THE traditional craft of blacksmithing is being revived with a new course at Canterbury College.

Budding blacksmiths will be able to learn their trade in the New Dover Road campus' metal workshops from September. The Level 3 City & Guilds qualification will make up part of the engineering design and craft studies year-long course.

Canterbury College will become the South East's first college to offer blacksmithing qualifications at such a level.

Students will use the college's specialist equipment, including a forge, to produce metal items such as gates, railings, furniture, sculptures and more.

Section manager Michael Gaughran said: "It's a traditional craft that dates back thousands of years but still has many contemporary uses.

"It's a very hands-on subject that engages students both artistically and practically which is why we incorporated it into the welding curriculum. There aren't many places locally for blacksmiths to train, despite the craft enjoying a recent resurgence. That is why we're aiming to keep the tradition alive."

The course tutors are in contact with blacksmiths across Kent, some of whom have expressed an interest in taking on apprentices. Community-based projects are also planned.

As well as the Level 3 blacksmithing qualification, the college has a Level 2 qualification. It may be possible for prospective students to join the Level 3 course straight away, depending on previous experience and qualifications.

Minister to open apprentices and jobs fair in Thanet

THANET'S two MPs are hosting a Jobs and Apprenticeships Fair at the Winter Gardens in Margate.

The event on Tuesday, June 26, from 10am-3pm, has been organised by Conservative MPs Laura Sandys and Sir Roger Gale, and will be officially opened by employment minister Chris Grayling.

Ms Sandys said: "Hundreds of jobs and apprenticeships in a wide variety of sectors will be on offer on the day. This is a fantastic opportunity for jobseekers to meet with lots of local employers all under one roof.

"We already have over 50 exhibitors confirmed ranging from small independent businesses right through to some of the biggest household names. It's going to be a one-stop shop with free workshops on offer providing useful tips on CV writing and interview skills.

"We'll also have start-up and apprentice advice for anyone thinking of pursuing a different route."

Sir Roger added: "We know there are many people, of all ages, in Thanet who want to work or who want training or who want to change jobs.

"There are also, contrary to popular belief, many opportunities available and this fair is designed to bring the two together and help match would-be employers with would-be employees.

"While there are a number of agencies engaged in this already, experience shows events of this kind can make a difference."

For more information email jobsfair@telllaura.org.uk or visit www.telllaura.org.uk/jobs-and-apprenticeships-fair.

Firefighter recruits fly through training course to join airport's crews

THREE new recruits to the crucial business of safety management at Biggin Hill Airport have joined the facility's fire service.

The moves follows their initial training at the International Fire Training School in County Durham.

The three new recruits at the famous World War Two airport are Peter Sambrook, aged 25, from Biggin Hill; Mark Moore, 32, from Edenbridge; and the youngest recruit Vanessa Hopkins, aged 19, from Orpington.

Their six-week training course covered all the basics including the theory of aviation firefighting, basic firemanship, and hose-running.

They also went through simulated practical training on representative types of aircraft, an introduction to breathing apparatus, and applying first aid.

Following final examinations and assessments from practical tests, all three trainees were awarded the Civil Aviation Authority's Basic Aviation Fire-fighting qualification as Airport Firefight-

ers. The trio now join the 20-strong airport fire team, with Vanessa joining Blue Watch, and Peter and Mark lining up alongside colleagues in Red Watch.

"My new life in the fire team at Biggin Hill brings plenty of variety and new challenges every day and it is what I want to do" she said.

side colleagues in Red Watch.

"They now have the basic skills for the job, though plenty of training lies ahead of them," said Andy Mellers, who is senior airport fire officer and leads the team.

Firefighters at Biggin Hill are trained to handle additional duties such as aircraft marshalling and baggage handling as well as aircraft de-icing and snow clearance for during winter periods.

Officials say this mix of roles ensures variety and interest in their working day as well as advancing their skills and job satisfaction.

Each job provides permanent full-time employment and as experience and proficiency is gained, promotion to higher grades such as crew manager and watch manager offer a career advancement structure on the job, and also throughout the national and international aviation industry.

Vanessa said that she was delighted to be joining the team and to be working in a key area of airport operations.

"The training was quite demanding and very comprehensive.

"My new life in the fire team at Biggin Hill brings plenty of variety and new challenges every day and it is what I want to do" she said.



FIREFIGHTER: Vanessa Hopkins has started her new career at Biggin Hill Airport

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Scholarship for conservation student

AN archaeological and museum conservator from Sittingbourne has been awarded a £15,000 Queen Elizabeth Scholarship to complete the second and final year of her conservation for archaeology and museums MSc at University College London.

Emma Payne, 25, was awarded her Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust (QEST) scholarship by the Duke of Gloucester at a ceremony last week.

The QEST was endowed by the Royal Warrant Holders Association to advance education in modern and traditional crafts and trades in the UK. Scholarships of up to £15,000 are open to men and women of all ages and are awarded

twice a year. Since 1991, the Trust has awarded £1.7 million to 253 craftsmen and women aged between 17 and 50-plus to develop their skills through study, training and work experience.

Eleven awards were made this spring, totalling £125,900.

During Emma's MA, she worked as a conservation and collections care assistant at the Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology, assessing the delicate prehistoric Egyptian artefacts in order to design and make suitable packaging for them. Previously, she had volunteered for the Sittingbourne CSI Project working on Anglo-Saxon artefacts.

Winning a QESTscholarship will ensure Emma

can complete the course. "It will provide me with a practical postgraduate qualification," she explained. "Since the course comes with the guarantee of practical work at a site or museum in the second year, it will also allow me to enhance my portfolio at the same time as gaining a recognised qualification."

QEST, the charitable arm of the Royal Warrant Holders Association, was established in 1990 with money contributed by its members, to mark the 90th birthday of the Queen Mother and the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Association.

Trustees look for well thought-out projects, which will contribute to the UK's pool of talent.

Schools & education

Commons Speaker's full of praise for college students who spoke out

MIDKENT College Students' Union has been praised by the Speaker of the House of Commons for its efforts in improving local transport.

Last March the SU hosted a travel debate to enable students to air their grievances in public, resulting in bus company Arriva launching several new services to the Medway campus.

The success of the campaign has now gained national attention after the union finished second in the 16-19 age category of

the Speaker's School Council Awards – judged by Speaker John Bercow, among others.

SU president James Phillips, said: "We are really pleased the student voice at MidKent College is being listened to by Arriva, and the hard work of our volunteers has been recognised by the Speaker's School Council Awards."

"We are thankful to all of those who have supported us in this process."

Topics covered at the travel

debate – which has also been shortlisted for a National Union of Students award – included the scrapping of the Education Maintenance Allowance, the rising cost of public transport, and problems with student travel schemes.

Medway councillors Vince Maple, Andrew Mackness and Geoff Juby also participated in the event, as did Gillingham MP Rehman Chishti and representatives from the train provider Southeastern.

UCA rising stars winning the plaudits at Graduate Fashion Week

FASHION students from the University for the Creative Arts starred at Graduate Fashion Week 2012 by taking three of the top 10 places in the prestigious Gold Award final.

Collections from James Walker, Alice Griffiths and Emma Beaumont ensured UCA had the most students shortlisted for the £20,000 grand prize at Earls Court, out of the 40 institutions and 1,000 students entered.

UCA did not leave GFW empty-handed as BA (Hons) fashion journalism student Kerrie Donnelly won the media and design award.

Now, in its 21st year, GFW showcases the best BA graduate fashion design talent in the UK and offers students a platform to launch their careers thanks to the national press coverage and industry engagement.

Gold award nominee, Emma Beaumont who studied BA (Hons) fashion atelier at UCA Rochester, said: "I'm so happy to have got this far in such a major, national competition."

"GFW has been a fantastic experience; I've met lots of important people, received great exposure and feel really positive about starting a career in the fashion industry."



ON TREND: Fashion student Emma Beaumont

Donna Ives, associate dean of fashion at UCA, said: "I think it's a really big achievement for UCA to have three students reach the Gold Award final. It's great to see that our students are producing some of the best work in the country which is re-affirming for the staff and the university."

"Many of our students who didn't reach the final are also winners because brands such as Burberry have approached our students after seeing their work at GFW – so it's an amazing event for all of our graduating students."

School's young businesspeople are taking nature all the way to the final

A TEAM of teenage entrepreneurs who set up their own business helping children learn about the natural world have made it into the final of a prestigious business competition.

The students from Beech Grove Academy in Nonington, near Deal, saw off stiff competition from seven other teams to win the overall Best Company Award at the South East Young Enterprise Innovation Awards 2012.

The dozen 16-17 year-olds

will now be heading to London on July 1-3 for the UK finals of the HSBC Young Enterprise Innovation Awards 2012 at the Intercontinental Hotel.

There, they will compete against 12 teams for the title of the UK's Best Young Enterprise Company 2012.

All the students in the regional final had set up their own businesses over the past year.

The Beech Grove Academy students set up set up Link2Nature after deciding to offer chil-

dren fun ways to play and learn that weren't based around a TV or video screen.

They produced two nature baskets for children – Nature Treasures and Nature Blocks – full of natural materials, such as building blocks, pine cones, shells, and sheep's wool.

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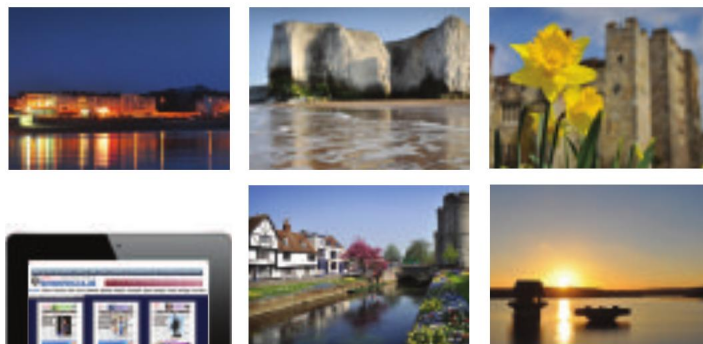
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DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH CW57, SEASALTER)

DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2010

On 31 May 2012 an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs confirmed the above Order without modifications.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by deleting the full width of the entire length of public footpath CW57, which commences at NGR TR 0570 6484 (point A on the Order plan) and runs in an easterly direction for 528 metres to NGR TR 0622 6477 (point B on the Order plan) (between the points A and B on the Order plan).

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PROW - DISTRICT OF DOVER

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (FOOTPATH ER297 AT RINGWOULD WITH KINGSDOWN)

DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2012

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NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZSX39 IN THE PARISH OF SHEERNESS (PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZSX39, SHEERNESS) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath ZSX39 between Granville Road and Millennium Way from the 6th July 2012.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Rights of Way:

MR551 between National Grid Reference NGR TQ 667 473 & NGR 669 478

MR552 between NGR 669 474 & the River Medway Towpath (public footpath MR547)

MR552A between NGR 669 474 & NGR 667 473 (junction with public footpath MR554),

MR553 between Banbridges Road and NGR 673 477

MR553 between NGR 670 476 & NGR 668 476 (public footpath MR551)

MR554 between NGR 667 473 & NGR 667 474 (public footpath MR551)

MR555/WT170 between the Medway Towpath (public footpath MR547) & NGR 657 470

MR557 between the Medway Towpath (public footpath MR547) & NGR 659 471

MR557A between the Medway Towpath (public footpath MR547) & NGR 664 471

MR558/WT183 between NGR 663 471 & NGR 665 469

WT172 between NGR 665 469 & NGR 665 470

The paths will be closed for a maximum of 22 days from the 16 June until the 7 July 2012, although it is expected that some routes will be closed later and reopened earlier.

The paths are to be closed because works are planned on or near them and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

Safe alternative routes will be available and waymarked for the duration of the closure.

A map showing both the routes closed and the alternative routes available may be viewed at kent.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/countryside_access/traffic_regulation_orders.aspx

For detailed enquiries please contact:

Michele Snoding or David Munn

Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 1XX

Dated: 24th June 2012



PLANNING

Planning applications



Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
 Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
 Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
 Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA/12/00447/FUL: 75 Central Parade, Herne Bay, CT6 5JQ Change of use from restaurant (Use Class A3) to take-away (Use Class A5).
Applicant: GLNH Ltd Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00461/LB: Estates Buildings Office, University of Kent, Giles Lane, Blean, CT2 7NN Listed building consent for roof alterations to building within the curtilage of Hoath Court Farm House. **Applicant: Mr Hornsey** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
CA/12/00624/FUL: Land adjacent to Fundy, Grove Ferry Hill, Chislet, CT3 4DH Erection of outbuilding. (Retrospective).
Applicant: Mr Rodney Tarry Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00789/ADV: 1 Guildhall Street, Canterbury, CT1 2JQ Internally illuminated fascia sign. **Applicant: Glory Windows Ltd**
 Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00898/FUL: Brookside Lodge, Patricbourne Road, Bridge, CT4 5BL Erection of single-storey extension to rear of dwelling.
Applicant: Mr Cramer Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00906/FUL: 15 New Street, St Dunstan's, Canterbury, CT2 8AU Alteration of timber storage shed to front of dwelling.
Applicant: Mr C J Alcock Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
CA/12/00915/FUL: Land adjacent to 38 Whitstable Road, Canterbury, CT2 8DQ Erection of three flats with associated parking. (Resubmission).
Applicant: Lewis Nedas and Co Solicitors Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00922/FUL: 55 London Road, Canterbury, CT2 8HQ Change of use from care home (Use Class C2) to training centre (Use Class D1).
Applicant: The Pilgrims Hospice Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00923/CAC: Land corner of Essex Street and Forge Lane, Whitstable Demolition of hall in connection with redevelopment of site to provide one pair of semi-detached dwellings and one single bed unit. **Applicant: JDS Homes Ltd** Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.
CA/12/00924/FUL: House at 55 London Road, Canterbury, CT2 8HQ Change of use from Use Class C2 (residential care home) to Use Class C4 (house in multiple occupation). **Applicant: The Pilgrims Hospice** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00938/FUL: Land corner of Essex Street and Forge Lane, Whitstable Demolition of hall and erection of pair of semi-detached dwellings and one single bed unit. (Revised scheme). **Applicant: JDS Homes Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00942/LB: 43 St Peter's Street, Canterbury, CT1 2BG Installation of boiler flue to rear and signwriting to existing fascia.
Applicant: Mrs Louise Thomas Reason: Work to a listed building.
CA/12/00956/FUL: Meadow View, Canterbury Road, Herne, CT6 7JY Addition of balcony to rear elevation of annexe. **Applicant: Mr T Wells**
 Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00969/FUL: Herne Bay Court, Canterbury Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5TE Erection of retirement village comprising retention of main building and conversion to village club house, provision of health and wellness centre, spa with landscaping works and other works.
Applicant: Partners - to Group Centre Ministries Reason: Contrary/Major/Conservation.
CA/12/00973/FUL: The Herdsman, Homeside Farm, Bossingham, Upper Hardres, CT4 6AR Erection of two-storey side and first-floor rear extension to dwelling incorporating balcony to rear elevation. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Wells** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/12/00981/LB: 1 Guildhall Street, Canterbury, CT1 2JQ Internally illuminated fascia sign. **Applicant: Glory Windows Limited**
 Reason: Work to a listed building.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to development.management@canterbury.gov.uk to arrive on or before **Monday 16 July 2012**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
 Friday 22 June 2012

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Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

- 12/01665/HOUSE Mounts Farm Barn Cranbrook Road, Benenden**
 - Alterations to garage block previously approved under TW/09/00708. Conversion of stable block to form home office/hobbies room/shower room (LB)
- 12/01504/FUL Clockhouse Mews Swaylands, Bidborough**
 - Alterations, extension & conversion to residential use comprising Swaylands main bdg 22 units, stables 6 units, 2 no. apartment blds of total 20 units, extension to Dairy Cottage, erection of 1no. dwelling, erection of garage blocks, demolition of outbuilding, restoration of landscape and installation of sewage treatment plant. (previous application TW/00/02547)(02/01006/FUL refers) - Variation of condition 26 to allow for the erection of a new bin store positioned adjacent to the existing car park (LB)
- 12/01507/FUL Clockhouse Mews Swaylands, Bidborough**
 - Covered bin store adjacent to car parking serving Clockhouse Mews (LB)
- 12/01514/LBC Clockhouse Mews Swaylands, Bidborough**
 - Listed Building Consent: Covered bin store adjacent to car parking serving Clockhouse Mews (LB)
- 12/01647/FUL Brencley Cricket Club The Green, Brencley**
 - Demolition of sports pavilion and replace with new sports pavilion (CA)
- 12/01649/CAC Brencley Cricket Club The Green, Brencley**
 - Conservation Area Consent: Demolition of sports pavilion (CA)
- 12/01707/LBC 1 The White House High Street, Brencley**
 - Single-storey extension with catlide roof over incorporating a single bedroom and new conservation rooflights (LB)
- 12/01538/HOUSE Saffron House Nevill Park, Broadwater**
 - Oak framed double garage (CA)
- 12/01705/HOUSE 6 Hungershall Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Broadwater**
 - Swimming pool under terrace at rear (CA)
- 12/01423/LBC The Heath Stores The Heath, Horsmonden**
 - Listed building consent - installation of a twin-wall, insulated stainless steel multi-fuel chimney to the rear (LB)
- 12/01542/HOUSE 6 Prospect Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
 - Conservatory at rear (CA)
- 12/01660/HOUSE 12 Mountfield Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
 - Demolition of rear extension and replace with three storey extension (CA)
- 12/01684/HOUSE 34 Prospect Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
 - Single-storey rear and side extension (CA)
- 12/00379/FUL Sunhill Court High Street, Pembury**
 - Solar photovoltaic panels on existing roof surface. No change of use (CA)
- 12/01477/FULMJ St James Court Wood Street, St James**
 - Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 11 houses (MAJOR) (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROV) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgegells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgegells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
 Head of Planning Services
 Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS
Dated: 23 June 2012



Public Notice

24 June 2012



Notice is hereby given that John Hawkins of Canterbury City Council has applied to Canterbury City Council for the grant of a premises licence to allow entertainment to take place for the following premises:

Pier Platform, Central Parade, Herne Bay

0900 hours to 2300 hours for the provision of plays, films, live music, recorded music and performance of dance

A register of licensing applications can be inspected at www.canterbury.gov.uk/licensing or at Council Offices, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW, phone **01227 862 000** by appointment with the Licensing Team between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

Any person wishing to submit representations to our application must give notice in writing to the address shown above, giving in detail the grounds of objection by **4 July 2012**.

The council will not entertain representations where the writer requests that his identity remains anonymous. Copies of all representations will be included in the papers presented to the Licensing Panel and will therefore pass into the public domain. Representations must relate to one of the four licensing objectives: the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. In the case of an application for a provisional statement please note that representations will be restricted once a statement has been issued.

John Hawkins
 Events Manager
 Canterbury City Council
 Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW

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THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Town and Country Planning Act

Notice of Applications

MA/12/0884/S - WRENS NEST, HEADCORN ROAD, GRAFTY GREEN, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2AP - Retrospective listed building consent application for the erection of a single storey garden/hobbies room with link to main house (amendments to application MA/11/1250). **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0917/S - UPPER FOWLE HALL FARM, WILLOW LANE, PADDOCK WOOD, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 6PF - Demolition of existing vacant barn and change of use to residential use. Erection of three 4-bed detached houses with integral garages and two 3-bed semi-detached houses with parking. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0945/S - KELSHAM FARM, FOUR OAKS ROAD, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9NY - Erection of an orangery extension to the rear of the existing dwelling. **Reason: 1**

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.



Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **8th July 2012** quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman: Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 24th June 2012.



Proposed Disposal of Land Forming Part of an Open Space

In accordance with section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972, the District Council of Shepway hereby gives notice of its intention to dispose by way of lease the areas of open space situated in Hawkinge set out in the schedule to this notice. It is intended to grant leases to Hawkinge Town Council which will continue to use the areas as open space.

Any representations about the proposed disposals should be made in writing either by letter or e - mail to Paul Marshall, Estate Management Officer, The Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2QY, e - mail paul.marshall@shepway.gov.uk not later than 1 July 2012.

Schedule

Areas of open space adjoining the following streets

- Underwood
- Kettle Drive
- Heron Forstal Avenue (next to the Hawkinge Community Centre)
- Haven Drive
- Proctor Walk/ Pannell Drive

Chris Lewis, Head of Planning
 Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY

Date: 17 June 2012

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THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

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Y12/0255/SH - Flat 71 1 The Leas Folkestone Kent CT20 2DR - Installation of replacement balcony balustrade.

Y12/0509/SH+ - 35 Prospect Road Hythe Kent CT21 5NN - Crown reduction of an Oak tree situated within a conservation area.

Y12/0448/SH - Flat D 50 Castle Hill Avenue Folkestone Kent CT20 2RE - Change of use and conversion from existing self contained flat to two self contained flats.

Y12/0455/SH - Hunters Health Club The Metropole The Leas Folkestone Kent CT20 2LU - Change of use and conversion of part of the basement and ground floors from health club/gymnasium (Class D2) to 11 self-contained flats as enabling works to facilitate the refurbishment of the Winter Gardens room to operate as a function suite under its existing use Class D2.

Y12/0456/SH - Hunters Health Club The Metropole The Leas Folkestone Kent CT20 2LU - Listed building consent for internal and external alterations and additions to facilitate the change of use and conversion of part of the former health club/gymnasium and refurbishment of the Winter Gardens room.

Y12/0449/SH - Car Park Longford Terrace Folkestone Kent - Retrospective application for an area of hardstanding providing 3 parking spaces.

Y12/0475/SH - 127 Sandgate Road Folkestone Kent CT20 2BH - Change of use from upper ground floor and first floor offices, to seven self contained flats, together with formation of new shopfront and other external alterations.

Y12/0169/SH# - Manor House Straight Lane Brookland Romney Marsh Kent - Alterations and conversion of outbuilding to provide living accommodation for use as an annexe to main dwelling, including installation of two new windows to south elevation and one rooflight window.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
 Shepway District Council

Public Notice

24 June 2012




Local Authorities (Members’ Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 15 of the above Regulations that the total sum paid by the Authority in accordance with the Canterbury City Council Councillors Allowances Scheme, to each Member of the Council as a basic, special responsibility, travel and subsistence and PC allowance during the 2011/12 financial year is listed below:

Councillors allowances and expenses paid 12 months ended 31 March 2012.

Name	Car allowances inc mileage	Travel and subsistence	Basic allowances	Special responsibility allowances	National insurance	Mobile phones	PC allowances	Total pay
Austin, A M		350.55	4,710.00	5,430.00	448.68	217.60	180.00	11,336.83
Baker, N		58.50	4,216.21	4,729.35	353.20	144.31		9,501.57
Baldock, A			4,216.21	161.50				4,377.71
Bellamy, J		64.70	4,216.21					4,280.91
Bissett, E	958.75	-339.30	4,710.00				180.00	5,509.45
Bright, R			4,710.00	722.28			180.00	5,612.28
Byford, S			4,216.21					4,216.21
Cartwright, P			4,216.21					4,216.21
Clark, A	478.40	4.68	4,216.21					4,699.29
Cook, A	780.00	4.81	4,216.21	4,729.35	400.76		15.00	10,146.13
Cook, S			4,216.21					4,216.21
Cragg, R H			4,710.00	2,294.72	166.38		180.00	7,351.10
Dixey, M	713.70		4,710.00	1,081.71	71.55		180.00	6,756.96
Doyle, R E	1,252.55	269.20	4,710.00	5,430.00	538.20	222.34	180.00	12,602.29
Eden-Green, N	135.20		4,710.00				180.00	5,025.20
Edwards, J			4,216.21					4,216.21
Ellis, D J			4,710.00	5,430.00	423.84	192.59		10,756.43
Flaherty, R	1,519.70	216.90	4,710.00				180.00	6,626.60
Flanagan, J D			4,710.00					4,710.00
Gilbey, J W G	2,959.45	-117.55	4,710.00	22,291.92	2,994.87	346.76	180.00	33,365.45
Glover, G	505.05	16.00	4,216.21					4,737.26
Harrison, J H	593.02	-144.38	4,710.00	4,539.00	346.20	474.03	180.00	10,697.87
Hirst, D			4,216.21					4,216.21
Howes, J			4,216.21					4,216.21
Law, J P	1,677.00	274.29	4,710.00	9,127.20	1,076.63	343.86	180.00	17,388.98
Lee, P J		276.90	4,710.00	5,430.00	448.68		180.00	11,045.58
Linfield, I A	394.55		4,710.00				180.00	5,284.55
MacCaul, C V			4,710.00	47.49			180.00	4,937.49
McCabe, H E	903.50	-191.79	4,710.00		270.38			5,692.09
Oakey, W	360.10	5.00	4,216.21	3,550.94	218.81			8,351.06
O'Dea, A	385.45	280.86	4,216.21	689.57				5,572.09
Perkins, A R		307.60	4,710.00	5,539.31	480.40	10.00	180.00	11,227.31
Reuby, G A	1,033.50	38.05	4,710.00	704.67			180.00	6,666.22
Samper, J	497.90		4,710.00	3,618.00	219.85	400.63	180.00	9,626.38
Sharp, M J			4,710.00	906.00				5,616.00
Sonnex, S A	469.95	0.12	4,710.00	847.55			180.00	6,207.62
Staley, B	112.56		4,710.00				180.00	5,002.56
Taylor, E A	1,073.72	-425.92	4,710.00	5,430.00	486.50		180.00	11,454.30
Taylor, H			4,710.00	722.28	8.81		180.00	5,621.09
Thomas, J I			4,710.00		374.50	154.20	180.00	5,418.70
Thomas, R			4,216.21					4,216.21
Todd, P A			4,710.00	732.35	42.21	32.74	180.00	5,697.30
Vickers, P J	166.40	62.10	4,710.00	776.92			180.00	5,895.42
Vickery-Jones, P D	1,688.05	11.01	4,710.00	5,430.00	551.89	313.80	180.00	12,884.75
Waters, R	22.75		4,216.21					4,238.96
Westgate, T			4,216.21					4,216.21
Williams, S			4,216.21					4,216.21
Windsor, C L	409.50	1.36	4,710.00	719.77			180.00	6,020.63
Wood, G			4,216.21					4,216.21
Wratten, J H	516.10	4.06	4,710.00	335.84			180.00	5,746.00
Former Councillors								
Anderson, J E			493.79				18.87	512.66
Berridge, M J			493.79				18.87	512.66
Calvert-Mindell, J			493.79				18.87	512.66
Carnell, P A			493.79				18.87	512.66
Davis, G M W	48.03		493.79				18.87	560.69
Dye, S J			493.79				18.87	512.66
Fisher, M J			493.79					493.79
Flaherty, M G	152.40		493.79				18.87	665.06
Hando, K W	61.75		493.79				18.87	574.41
Matthews, R T			493.79				18.87	512.66
McMahan, V J			104.67					104.67
Parry, C			493.79				18.87	512.66
Parsons, A C			493.79				18.87	512.66
Patterson, M C	304.20		493.79	569.27	46.64	188.90	18.87	1,621.67
Perkins, J A			493.79	427.43	21.83		18.87	961.92
Pickersgill, S A			493.79		28.65		18.87	541.31
Seath, J M	81.90		493.79	16.22		50.46	18.87	661.24
Steed, M			493.79				18.87	512.66
Vye, M J			493.79				18.87	512.66
Co-optees								
K Brown				906.00				906.00
P Gottschalk				981.50	43.74			1,025.24
P Lennard				453.00				453.00
Total members allowances								
	20,255.13	1,027.75	235,110.88	104,801.14	10,063.20	3,092.22	5,195.79	379,546.11
Tricia Marshall								
Director of Resources								
Canterbury City Council								
Military Road, CANTERBURY CT1 1YW								

PLANNING



AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2011/12 - SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Each year the council's accounts are audited and any persons interested have the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the accounts and all books, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts related to them. For the year ended 31 March 2012 these documents will be available on application to the Deputy Chief Executive at the Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone (tel: 01303 853289) between 9.00am and 4.30pm weekdays from Monday 9th July 2012 to Friday 3rd August 2012.

From 6th August 2012 until the audit is closed, local government electors for the area to which the accounts relate may exercise their rights under sections 15 and 16 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 to question the auditor or make objections to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2012. The external auditor, Andy Mack, can be contacted at Audit Commission, 1st Floor, Millbank Tower, Millbank, London SW1P 4HQ (telephone 0844 798 2846).

Kathryn Beldon
Deputy Chief Executive
Shepway District Council

PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003.

Jamal Ahmed applied to Medway Council on 8th June 2012 for a variation to the licence for Shozna Indian Restaurant, 18 High Street, Strood, Rochester, Kent ME1 1RR. The application seeks an increase in authorised hours for the sale of alcohol from midday to 01:00.

The proposed opening hours of the premises are to be 12pm to 01.30am.


Representations should be made in writing to Licensing Unit, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TR by 9th July 2012.

Persons wishing to inspect the Licensing Register may do so at the above address between the hours of 08.30 - 17.00 Monday to Friday. It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application which carries a maximum fine of £5000.

LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2011/12



Each year the Council's Accounts are audited and any person interested has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts related to them. For the year ended 31st March 2012 these documents will be available on application to the Finance Manager at the Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford (01233 330540) between 9am and 4.30pm, weekdays from 11th July 2012 to 8th August 2012. Local Government electors for the Council's area and their representatives also have:

- (1) the right to question the Auditor about the Accounts.
- (2) the right to attend before the Auditor and make objections to the Accounts on any items in them. Written notice of an objection must first be send to the Auditor. The audit is being carried out by Mr Andy Mack, District Auditor, Ground Floor Front, 16 South Park, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1AN and will be conducted under the provisions of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003.

The auditor can be contacted at the above address from Thursday 9th August 2012 until the audit is completed.

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HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - District of Ashford

**BLACKWALL ROAD NORTH, ASHFORD
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the installation of a new electricity supply cable, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Blackwall Road North, Ashford, on or after 7 July 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed to through traffic for its entire length.

Access for residents will be maintained whenever it is safe to do so, but there are likely to be some times when this is not possible, due to the use of machinery.

The alternative route is via A2070 Kennington Road and Blackwall Road South.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

**CHESTFIELD ROAD, CHESTFIELD
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to install CCTV cameras on the railway bridge, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Chestfield Road, Chestfield (Swalecliffe), on or after 11 July 2012 for up to 2 nights, between 8.00 pm and 6.00 am each night.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the railway bridge to the north of the Old Thanet Way.

The alternative route is via B2205 St John's Road, Colewood Road, Whitstable Road, Sea Street, Greenhill Bridge Road and A2990 (Old) Thanet Way.

**CHURCH LANE AND HIGHSTEAD, CHISLET
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To enable high-friction road surfacing works to be carried out, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Lane and Highstead, Chislehurst, on or after 9 July 2012 for up to 2 days as signposted on site.

CHURCH LANE will be closed to the north of the north junction with Chitty Lane

The alternative route is via Hollow Road and Old Tree Road.

HIGHSTEAD will be closed to the north of Highstead Farm.

The alternative route is via Highstead via Ford Hill, Maypole Lane and Old Tree Road.

The closures are between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm each day. Only one road will be closed at any one time.

Please note these works were originally due to have been carried out in April 2012, but were postponed for operational reasons.

**SUMMERFIELD AVENUE, WHITSTABLE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting eastbound traffic on Summerfield Avenue, Whitstable, on or after 9 July 2012 for up to 8 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed eastbound only at the junction with Castle Road.

The alternative route for eastbound traffic is via Castle Road, Church Street and Ham Shades Lane.

Westbound traffic is unaffected, and traffic can access Summerfield Avenue from the junction with Ham Shades Lane.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

**ALKHAM ROAD, KEARSNEY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to install CCTV cameras on the railway bridge, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Alkham Road, Kearsney, on or after 11 July 2012 for up to 2 nights, between 8.00 pm through until 6.00 am each night.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the railway bridge.

The alternative route is via Lower Road, High Street and London Road (Temple Ewell).

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (CHURCH STREET, DOVER)
(ONE WAY STREET AND CONTRAFLOW CYCLE LANE)
ORDER 2012**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of this Order will be to allow pedal cycles to travel against the existing one-way traffic flow when using the designated cycle lane in the following location:

Church Street, Dover Between Stembrook and Castle Street.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council, Javelin Way Ashford, Kent, TN24 8AD, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at Dover District Council, Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Kent, CT16 3PJ during normal opening hours.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to Traffic Schemes Team, Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, Ashford Highway Depot, 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to traffic.schemes@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 16 July 2012.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(SERVICE PRECINCT, DOVER)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) (AMENDMENT NO 1)
ORDER 2012**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to permit pedal cycles to use Market Square as part of the River Dour Greenway route at the following locations:-

Market Square, Dover For its entire area west of a line between the north east corner of no.5 King Street and the boundary lines of no 6 and 7 Market Square.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council, Javelin Way Ashford, Kent, TN24 8AD, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at Dover District Council, Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Kent, CT16 3PJ during normal opening hours.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to Traffic Schemes Team., Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, Ashford Highway Depot, 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to traffic.schemes@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 16 July 2012.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER DISTRICT)
(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES)
CONSOLIDATION (AMENDMENT NO 15) ORDER 2012**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to prohibit loading at any time at the following location:-

Pencester Road, Dover On the northwest side of the road, from a point at the boundary of no.18 Pencester Road and no.20 Pencester Road, in a north-easterly direction for a distance of 23m.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council, Javelin Way Ashford, Kent, TN24 8AD, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at Dover District Council, Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Kent, CT16 3PJ during normal opening hours.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to Traffic Schemes Team, Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, Ashford Highway Depot, 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to traffic.schemes@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 16 July 2012.

**RATLING ROAD, AYLESHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of access to phone cables to provide a new service, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ratling Road, Aylesham, on or after 15 July 2012 for up to one day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Burgess Road and Ackholt Road.

The alternative route is via Burgess Road, Bell Grove and Ackholt Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Gravesham

**JUBILEE CRESCENT, GRAVESEND
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of Essential carriageway and footway repairs , Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Jubilee Crescent, Gravesend, on or after 25 June 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Hampton Crescent to outside 100 Jubilee Crescent.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Hampton Crescent to outside 100 Jubilee Crescent.

HIGHWAYS - District of Maidstone

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(BEECHEN BANK ROAD & BOXLEY ROAD, BOXLEY,
MAIDSTONE)
(40MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2012**
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

The Kent County Council in exercise of their powers under Sections 82 (2); 83 (2); and 84 (1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, propose to make the following Order:-

- This Order may be cited as "The Kent County Council (Beechen Bank Road & Boxley Road, Boxley, Maidstone) (40mph Speed Limit) Order 2012" and shall come into operation on the xx day of xxx 2012.
- No person shall drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the lengths of Road described in Schedule to this Order.

SCHEDULE (40 m.p.h. Speed Limit)	
BOXLEY Beechen Bank Road	From a point 20m south of its northern most junction with Boxley Road to the point at which Beechen Bank Road becomes Boxley Road
BOXLEY Boxley Road	From the point at which Beechen Bank Road becomes Boxley Road to a point 30m north of its junction with Walderslade Woods

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined during normal office hours Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX and at Maidstone House, King Street Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to Lisa Gillham, Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to TRO@kent.gov.uk by noon on 16th July 2012.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(A249 SITTINGBOURNE ROAD/DETILING HILL AND OTHER
ROADS AT DETILING/THURNHAM)
(TRAFFIC SPEED AND TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public using a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting traffic speed, the regulation of traffic and the use by traffic as described below. The order shall come into operation at

times when required as and when signage is displayed on site on 13th/14th/15th July 2012.

**SCHUDLE
(The Speed limits and Traffic Regulations)**

- Traffic in excess of 40 mph shall be prohibited as follows:-
 - On Detling Hill, Detling/Sittingbourne Road, Thurnham on the northeast bound carriageway from a point 200 metres northeast of the junction of Harple Lane to the Highland Shell petrol station. On the southwest bound carriageway from a point 130 metres northeast of the property "Woodlands" to the existing 50mph speed restriction at a point outside the property "Wild Air"
- No person shall, except upon the direction of a Police Officer, cause or permit a vehicle to:-
 - Carry out a right hand turn from A249 south west bound into Scragged Oak Road.
 - Carry out a right hand turn from Scragged Oak Road onto the A249 south west bound.
 - Carry out a right hand turn from A249 northbound into South Green Lane.
 - Carry out a right hand turn or "U" turn on the A249 northbound at its junction with Rumstead Lane.
 - Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Chalky Road.
 - Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Church Hill.
 - Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Honeycrock Hill.
 - Carry out a right hand turn from Pett Lane northbound onto A249.
- The alternative routes for traffic affected by 2(i), 2(ii), 2(iii), 2(iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii) above are either:-
 - via the roundabout at junction 5 of the M2 motorway
 - via the roundabout at junction 7 of the M20 motorway

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

**BIRCHIN CROSS ROAD, OTFORD
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to fit security type lids on BT carriageway chambers, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Birchin Cross Road, Otford, on or after 13th July 2012 for up to 3 Days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed Near the junction of Rowdown Lane.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Rowdown Lane and Clarkes Green Road.

The alternative route is via Rowdown Lane, Magpie Bottom and Birchin Cross Road.

**CASTLE HILL, HARTLEY
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Castle Hill, Hartley, Sevenoaks between the junction of Fawkham Road, Fawkham and Ash Road, Hartley.

The Order will become effective on 24th June 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence on 25 June 2012 and will last 5 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Ash Road in Hartley and Hartley Road and Main Road, Longfield and Fawkham Road, Longfield and Fawkham Road, Fawkham.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate a new gas supply.

For further information, please contact
Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



**HALE OAK ROAD, CHIDDINGSTONE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of replacement of a drainage culvert, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hale Oak Road, Chiddingstone, on or after 9 July 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Little Hale and Hale Wood Farm.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Little Hale and Hale Wood Farm.

The alternative route is via B207, Camp Hill, Coppings Road, Scabharbour Road, Windmill Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

**A259 RED LION SQUARE, HYTHE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway resurfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on the A259, Hythe, on or after 25 June 2012 for a total of 6 nights, as shown below.

Closures are planned for the nights of Monday 25 June to Friday 29 June inclusive and Monday 2 July 2012. The closures will be between 7.00 pm and 1.00 am, with the roads re-opened outside these hours.

There will be no access through Hythe using the A259 during these works.

The A259 will be closed in the vicinity of Red Lion Square, as detailed below.

Eastbound, the closure is from Military Road (from the junction of the road leading to Military Road Car park) including Red Lion Square into Rampart Road as far as the junction with Stade Street.

Westbound, the A259 closure is of Rampart Road from the junction with Stade Street through Red Lion Square into Dymchurch Road, as far as the junction with Portland Road.

The alternative route is via A259 Dymchurch Road, Scanlons Bridge Road (Military Road in reverse) A261 London Road, Hythe Road, A20 Ashford Road, Sandling Road, Ashford Road, Junction 11 Stanford Intersection, A20 Ashford Road, Junction 12 Cheriton Interchange, B2064 Cheriton High Street, Cheriton Road, A259 Castle Hill Avenue, Shorncliffe Road, Earls Avenue, Sandgate Road, Sandgate High Street, Sandgate Esplanade, Seabrook Road, East Street, Prospect Road and Rampart Road.

Please note that this differs from the details initially published.

**VARIOUS ROADS, FOLKESTONE (MICRO-SURFACING)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER JULY 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in Folkestone, on or after 11 July 2012, as shown below.

HARVEY STREET and HARBOUR WAY will be closed on 11 July 2012.

The alternative route is via Dover Road, Ryland Place and The Tram Road.

ST EANSWYTHE'S WAY will be closed on 12 July 2012.

There is no alternative route. Every effort will be made to maintain access whenever it is safe to do so.

WALTON ROAD will be closed on 13 July 2012

There is no alternative route. Every effort will be made to maintain access whenever it is safe to do so.

Closures are each for up to one day. Roads will be closed for their entire lengths.

HIGHWAYS - DISTRICT OF SWALE

**OAK LANE, MINSTER-ON-SEA
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Oak Lane, Minster-on-Sea, on or after 25 June 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from outside The Oaks to the entrance to Seacliffe Caravan Park.

There is no alternative route as this section of the road is a No Through Road.

Every effort will be made to allow as much access as possible, whenever safe to do so, but there will be times when the use of machinery prevents this.

**PRESTON GROVE, FAVERSHAM
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of electricity cabling works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Preston Grove, Faversham, on or after 26 June 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

Because of electricity cabling works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Preston Grove, Faversham, on or after 26 June 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with the A2 London Road.

The alternative route is via A2 London Road, The Mall, Preston Lane and Preston Grove.

HIGHWAYS - DISTRICT OF THANET

**B2053 NORTHDOWN HILL AND WESTOVER ROAD,
BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on B2053 Northdown Hill and Westover Road, Broadstairs, on or after 28 June 2012 for up to 2 nights, between 8.00 pm and 1.00 am.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Pearsons Way and Westover Gardens.

The alternative route is via B2053 Northdown Hill, Green Lane, B2052 George Hill Road, Convent Road and Beacon Road.

**HALL BY THE SEA ROAD, MARGATE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway pothole repairs, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hall By The Sea Road, Margate, on or after 9 July 2012 for up to 2 days, between 8.30 am and 4.00 pm each day.

The road will be closed at the junctions with Marine Terrace and Belgrave Road.

The alternative route is via Marine Terrace and Belgrave Road.

**KING STREET, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway pothole repairs, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on King Street, Margate, on or after 10 July 2012 for up to 2 days, between 8.30 am and 4.00 pm.

The road will be closed at the junction with Hawley Street, in the vicinity of Tudor House.

The alternative routes are via Hawley Street, Union Crescent and Addington Street or via Trinity Square (Trinity Hill), Northdown Road and Bath Road.

HIGHWAYS - DISTRICT OF TONBRIDGE & MALLING

**TAYLORS LANE, TROTTSCLIFFE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to replace electricity power lines, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Taylors Lane, Trottscliffe, on or after 26 June 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed along the whole length.

The alternative route is southbound traffic via Pilgrims Way, Pinesfield Lane, Church Road and northbound is via Wrotham Water Lane, Pilgrims Way, A227 Gravesend Road, Pilgrims Way.

HIGHWAYS - District of Tunbridge Wells

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(NORTH FARM ROAD/DOWDING WAY, TUNBRIDGE WELLS)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on North Farm Road/Dowding Way, Tunbridge Wells from the junction of Chapman Way to Lamberts Road. This closure will come into effect on or after Monday 25th June 2012 between 21.00hrs and 06.00hrs for an estimated period of up to 5 nights or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via North Farm Road, Upper Grosvenor Road, Sandhurst Road, Birken Road, Liptraps Lane and Lamberts Road. The environmental 7.5 tonne weight restriction on Birken Road and Liptraps Lane is temporarily suspended for the duration of these works.

Connect Traffic Management apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for works to the railway bridge. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Paul Coppin on 0844 812 6006.

**HIGHWAYS - District Tunbridge Wells,
Maidstone and Tonbridge & Malling**

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(A228 MAIDSTONE ROAD, CAPEL/WHETSTED ROAD, CAPEL/WHETSTED ROAD, YALDING/BRANBRIDGES ROAD, EAST PECKHAM/BOYLE WAY, B2160 MAIDSTONE ROAD, YALDING, BELTRING ROAD, EAST PECKHAM, BRANBRIDGES ROAD, EAST PECKHAM)
(50MPH & 30MPH SPEED RESTRICTIONS)
(NO STOPPING OR WAITING RESTRICTIONS)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)

TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public the Kent County Council has made an Order with the following restrictions.

- 1) Traffic travelling at any speed in excess of 50mph is prohibited on the A228 Maidstone Road, Capel from the junction with B2017 Badsell Road to Little Eden Farm, A228 Whetsted Road, Capel.
- 2) Traffic travelling at any speed in excess of 30mph is prohibited on the A228 Whetsted Road, Capel between Little Eden Farm to the roundabout outside the main entrance to The Hop Farm Country Park.
- 3) Eastbound traffic travelling at any speed in excess of 50mph is prohibited on the A228 Hale Street By-Pass from the junction with B2015 Maidstone Road to the roundabout at Branbridges Industrial Estate.
- 4) Traffic travelling at any speed in excess of 30mph in both directions is prohibited on A228 Branbridges Road from the roundabout at Branbridges Industrial Estate to the roundabout at The Hop Farm Country Park.
- 5) Traffic travelling at any speed in excess of 30mph in both directions is prohibited on the B2160 Maidstone Road from the roundabout at The Hop Farm Country Park to Transfesa Road.
- 6) The effect of the Order will be to introduce prohibition of waiting or stopping on A228 Maidstone Road from B2017 Badsell Road/Whetsted Road/Branbridges Road/ Boyle Way to A228 Seven Mile Lane, B2160 Maidstone Road between Transfesa Road and A228 Whetsted Road roundabout and Beltring Road between A228 Branbridges Road to Torbay Road.
- 7) Prohibit waiting and stopping on Branbridges Road, outside of the Industrial Estate.

These restrictions are to be in place, when required as indicated by signage on site on Thursday 28th June 2012 to Monday 2nd July 2012 and Wednesday 18th July 2012 to Sunday 22nd July 2012.


The Hop Farm Country Park apologise for any inconvenience caused by these restrictions which are necessary due to large scale events taking place.

John Burr
Director Kent Highways
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 24th June 2012

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- Escorted throughout
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- 5 nights in the 3-star Royal Highland Hotel, Inverness with 5 breakfast & 5 dinners
- Rail excursion to the Kyle of Lochalsh
- Loch Ness cruise



It's a rap for the county town as Snoop Dogg sets up his afterparty

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THE INTERVIEW

David Burke



The elementary sidekick

Nick Ames talks to the original Watson in a cheerful look back – and forward – over the many adaptations of Sherlock Holmes

RECENT years have seen a surge of interest in all things Sherlock Holmes. And, naturally, where the great detective treads, he is followed with dogged loyalty by his friend, ally and biographer Dr John H Watson.

Whether it's two-fisted, bare-chested Robert Downey Junior and man-about-town Jude Law blasting their way across a steampunk 19th-century Europe or "high functioning sociopath" sex symbol Benedict Cumberbatch and Afghan combat veteran Martin Freeman text-messaging each other in 21st-century London, the characters are arguably more popular now than ever before.

There are new books featuring the duo out seemingly every month, soundtrack CDs and role-playing games, as well as DVDs, with the Downey and Law blockbuster *A Game Of Shadows* just released.

There is even a New York-based series, called *Elementary*, being filmed. It has Jonny Lee Miller as Holmes and – a first – Charlie's Angels, Kill Bill and Ally McBeal star Lucy Liu as Watson.

But for many purists who look back at the original writings of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, one screen adaptation stands out as most faithful to what fans refer to as The Canon.

In the mid-1980s, Granada TV filmed *The Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes*, with Jeremy

Brett in the title role and – for the first two series – David Burke as an urbane, softly-spoken but determined Watson.

Burke now lives just outside Ashford with his actress wife Anna Calder-Marshall and has great memories of his time on screen investigating such mysteries as *The Solitary Cyclist*, *The Red Headed League* and even the hissing, coiled menace of *The Speckled Band*. He remembers how easy he felt it was to play Watson.

"I don't think I'm too far away from his personality," said Burke. "He's not a genius – he's a sort of man next door, an ordinary human being who happens, by accident, to fall in with someone who is a silver-tongued genius."

"So I didn't feel I had to do too much to play him, which, I suppose, was why I was cast."

Brett, as Holmes, had problems in his personal life and his portrayal is regarded as unrivalled when it comes to authenticity.

Cumberbatch once said: "He casts a towering shadow. He was a friend of my mum's and he was around our family a lot. He and the part collided and he let it take him over. He was a manic depressive... that was a side issue – but then he played one."

Burke said he had a real friendship with his fellow actor, even sharing a trailer on location and dining together.

And he reckoned that Brett was obsessed with getting the character just right.

"I think Jeremy Brett did an absolutely fantastic job. He would take the original books around with him and if he felt the director stepped out of the authentic Conan Doyle storytelling Jeremy was really quick to jump on it – and that is one of the reasons the series is very faithful to the original."

"Jeremy was absolutely devoted to getting the stories right, as were the whole team and I think they succeeded. In fact, I don't think it will ever be done like that again. You'll get spin-offs and modern variations, but I think it will last, hopefully, forever."

Burke has watched some of the new adaptations – but was unaware of Lucy Liu taking the part of his iconic character.

"I've seen one of the films – and Jude Law, who plays Watson. I've worked with and I admire and like him very much. I was in his *Hamlet* when it was done a couple of years ago."

"It's difficult, really, to compare because it's so different to what we did. It's so modern, and so bang-bang, chases and whatnot. It's difficult to even want to compare it to what we did because we did Conan Doyle's version."

"Their version is fair enough – it's just not Conan Doyle, that's all I can say. Taken on a totally different level as a modern adventure, I think it's probably superb."

"The television one, I only watched the first episode, not for any derogatory reason, but I just don't watch a lot of television. I thought

MANY FACES: In modern adaptations we have, from left, Lucy Liu as Watson; Martin Freeman and Benedict Cumberbatch; and Robert Downey Jnr and Jude Law. Purists, though, would most revere Jeremy Brett and David Burke, above

Benedict Cumberbatch and the other chap [Martin Freeman] were very good – but again I can't begin to compare it with ours, because they are two different creatures.

"I think if Conan Doyle were able to come back and see ours, I think he would say that it is an authentic version."

Laughing, he then added: "If he came back and saw the others, I think he would possibly turn in his grave. Because it's not what he wrote."

Burke is not, however, against reinventing the classic heroes.

"Why shouldn't people have a modern take?" he said. "The original characters are still an inspiration to writers. Sherlock Holmes is one of the few brand names you could say anywhere in the world. You could go to Tibet and say Sherlock Holmes and they'd say 'the detective'. They might not know more than that, but there aren't that many brand names you could get that reaction to."

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Budding artists make their own Olympian final

SIX talented entrants have received a call from Produced in Kent this week to be told they have made it to the live final of the Create A Fruit & Veg Masterpiece art competition.

The competition, which this year has taken on an Olympic theme to coincide with London 2012, is the brainchild of Produced in Kent and sponsored by abm Catering, Hadlow College and R.J. Kingsland & Son and supported by the Kent 2012 Small Grants Fund.

The competition saw dozens of primary-school children enter their masterpieces made with local, seasonal produce. There was a record-breaking number of 240 entries.

The tough job of whittling the entries into the final top-three individual and group categories landed on the shoulders of food-art photographer Carl Warner.

The snapper, whose amazing food pictures have appeared on Blue Peter, The One Show and The Alan Titchmarsh Show, said: "This is my third year judging this fantastic competition and every year the standard keeps getting higher, with more and more entries."

"The Olympic theme has really captured the imagination of the young children and we've seen everything from 3D canoeists and Olympic cyclists, through the track and field sports, to the Paralympics and Olympic torch. There are so many champions out there this year."

Now all the finalists will be heading to Broadview Gardens on Friday, June 29, to compete for gold, silver and bronze medals by recreating their masterpieces live.



FINALISTS:

Clockwise from top left: individual category finalists: Adam Hood, 7, of Hever primary school, Edenbridge, for his cyclist; Will Beverley, 5, also of Hever primary, for his canoeist; and Joshua Beesley, 7, who is home-schooled, for his fencing piece. In the group category, the finalists are St Katherine's, Snodland (Class 6W), for wheelchair-racing; Ashford Friars, (Class 2T), for its running shoe; and, for the third consecutive year, The Allotment Club from All Saints C of E primary school, Chatham, for its runners

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The Tory tales Portillo heads for the Gulb

The Gulbenkian, Canterbury
Sunday, October 14, 7.30pm
01227 769075
www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian

UNDER Conservative Prime Minister John Major, Michael Portillo was made a Cabinet minister in the role of Chief Secretary to the Treasury before holding the portfolios

of employment (1994) and then defence (1995-1997).

But after quitting politics the Tory boy took his opportunity to become a media personality – it was a chance he grabbed with both hands.

Now with his latest tour, *Life: A Game Of Two Halves*, Portillo heads to The Gulbenkian theatre to bend the ear of anyone who will listen.

However, be warned: don't head to the gig with any preconceived ideas – expect to be both delighted and intrigued by what the former politician divulges.

Hit them with a haymaker Fun and fauna

Hambrook Marshes, Wincheap, Canterbury
Saturday, July 14
Free entry

FORMER BBC South East weather-girl Kaddy Lee-Preston is opening the annual Haymaking Festival in Canterbury.

It's forecast to be a great day out as Lee-Preston heads to Hambrook Marshes in Wincheap to open the event, which features plenty of live music, beer tents, food, exhibitions, performances, shows and much more.

Music from local artists including Alice Heggie and CJ on drums, drama performances from Accidental Collective and children's activities will be on offer at the free event, which is run by the Kent Enterprise Trust.

Visitors can see raptor displays, heavy horses and hay-cutting demonstrations and try their hand at scything and woodcraft.



Snoop in county town Rapper's afterparty

Beluga Bar, Maidstone

Friday, July 6, from 9pm-3am

Tickets £20

www.beluganightclubmaidstone.com

RAP star Snoop Dogg has announced that he will be hosting an official afterparty in Maidstone next month.

The hip-hop pioneer, who has worked with the likes of Dr Dre, Eminem, Pharell Williams and countless others, will use the Beluga Bar in Maidstone as his base after his show at the London Pleasure Festival on Friday, July 6.

Ever since the music genre of gangster rap broke through in the 1980s, Snoop Dogg has been at the forefront of the movement.

This show will be the only exclusive afterparty for the star and is likely to sell out very quickly, so make sure you get tickets online ASAP.

TV finalists to headline bash A lovable lot?

Dartford Festival, Central Park, Dartford
Sat and Sun, July 14-15
www.dartford.gov.uk/festival

DARTFORD Festival 2012 is fast approaching and the first two headline acts have been announced.

Fresh from Britain's Got Talent, Lovable Rogues will

be performing at Central Park, having reached the finals of the popular talent show.

The three-piece band hail from just over the Thames in Chigwell and have recently been signed by Simon Cowell's record label Syco; a debut single is due this year.

Headlining on the Sunday will be former X Factor star Ray Quinn.

The singer was a finalist on series three of The X Factor and has since embarked on a solo tour, playing 30 dates across the UK, and starred in West End musicals.



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Dance, magic and sea A feast for the senses

Deal Festival, various venues

Friday, June 29-Sunday, July 8
01304 370220
www.dealfestival.co.uk

THE opening weekend of the Deal Festival is a feast for all the senses and not to be missed.

The town's Astor Theatre will be transformed into a bohemian dream world with music, magic, dance, poetry and feasting for 10 days.

The opening weekend will include entertainment from Dizzy O'Dare and The Galloping Cuckoos Street Theatre.

Opera and music star Darren Abrahams, who appeared in 2011 with the St Edmunds Symphonic Wind Band, will be at North Deal Community Centre.

Kent County Youth Orchestra will perform at 7pm on Saturday, June 30, at the Astor. Check online for more events and venues.

Theatre on a summer's eve Austen romp

**Goodnestone Park Gardens,
near Canterbury**
Saturday, June 30
01304 840107

AS part of its annual open-air garden-theatre tour, Chapterhouse Theatre Company is bringing Jane Austen's Emma to the stage. Known for its Kent tours,

Chapterhouse brings a tale of matchmaking, marriage and merriment.

Emma is a young woman determined to pair off her friends with their perfect matches. But could it be that amid her plotting her own true love has been there all along? This new adaptation promises love and laughter.

Grounds open for picnics at 5.30pm – please bring your own rugs or low-backed seating. Adults £13.50, children £8 and families (two adults and two children) £40. Discount for groups of 10.



Riot of roses Garden event shows colour

Hever Castle, Edenbridge
Friday to Sunday, June 22-24
01732 865224
www.hevercastle.co.uk

HEVER Castle is hosting its Best of British garden festival, marking the final event in its Jubilee celebrations.

The mid-summer festival brings an extra touch of beauty to the romantic castle near Edenbridge where Henry VIII courted Anne Boleyn.

Floral displays will fill the castle rooms with colour and fragrance as arrangers take inspiration from the Diamond Jubilee to create works of art guaranteed to delight.

June sees the quintessential English rose garden reach its peak of perfection – with more than 4,000 roses at Hever, they are something to behold.

Additionally, classic-car-lovers have the opportunity to view some 150 Aston Martin cars up close on Sunday, June 24, rounding off a wonderful week of celebrations.



Whitlive hosts another gem ShyChlo

**The Duke of Cumberland,
Whitstable**
Saturday, July 7, at 8pm
www.whitlive.co.uk

WHITLIVE returns with its Introducing stage at The Duke of Cumberland pub in Whitstable.

Following the success of the rum-swilling Skinny Lister and

the sold-out Janice Graham Band in May, WhitLive brings in more up-and-coming talent in the form of ShyChlo.

Having already got through to the finals of the UK's biggest Live And Unsigned contest, this Canterbury band could be playing at the O2 in July.

Their energetic live show has seen them touring the UK and playing at Radio 1's Big Weekend.

Already picking up plays on 6 Music and Radio 1, think Rage Against The Machine with a secret love of pop melodies and fronted by a female MC.



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A BRILLIANT line-up of stars from the UK music scene is descending on Thanet for this year's Margate Jazz Festival.

Now in its seventh year, the festival is a well-established highlight of the cultural calendar, recently joined by Turner Contemporary in bringing artists of world-class renown to the seaside resort.

Headlining is Courtney Pine with a performance at the Theatre Royal, while comedian Stephen Fry will be at Turner Contemporary talking to Tracey Emin about her exhibition *She Lay Down Deep Beneath the Sea*.

John Etheridge plays The Wig And Pen pub, while The Christine Tobin All Stars perform at The Westcoast Bar.

On Sunday, fans will be treated to free, open-air music on The Parade, hosted by DJ James Anthony, of Solar Radio.



Steam trains and fine ales Festival frolics

Kemsley Down station, Sittingbourne

Saturday and Sunday, July 7-8
www.SKLR.net, 01795 424899

FOLLOWING the successful reopening of the Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway from the Viaduct station in May, the steam-railway team is gearing up for next month's Steam And

Beer Festival.

The event will see steam locomotives Leader and Melior hauling trains from Sittingbourne Viaduct station throughout the weekend, so visitors can travel to Kemsley Down station by steam train.

There will be 35 types of beer, with a happy hour between 5pm and 6pm on Sunday when all beers are £1 a pint to drink in or take away.

Live music will be played into the night.

Tickets cost £9.50 for adults, £8 senior citizens and CAMRA members and £4 for children.



Focus on Falklands War and Peace Show

The Hop Farm, Paddock Wood

Wednesday to Sunday, July 18-22
www.thehopfarm.co.uk
www.thewarandpeaceshow.com

A FAMILY festival of entertainment, education and excitement is promised at the 30th annual War and Peace Show at The Hop Farm.

It's also the 30th anniversary of the Falklands War and this year the show will feature the biggest display of weapons, vehicles, equipment and men from the conflict ever assembled.

Among the Falklands veterans present will be Simon Weston, whose recovery from injuries was recorded in a famous BBC documentary.

There will be non-stop entertainment, with bands revisiting the sounds of the 1940s, fashion shows, comedians and burlesque. The team from TV's 'Allo 'Allo, including the glamorous Vicki Michelle, will join the party.

Early taste of of Edinburgh Comedy craft

Billabong Club, Rochester

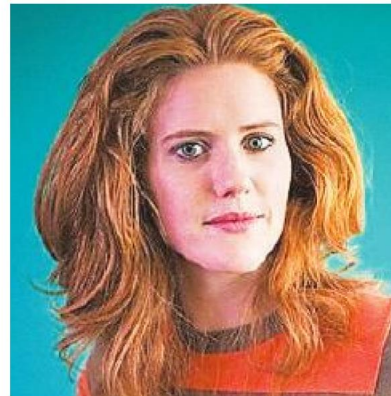
Thursday, June 28, at 7.30pm
Tickets £10
www.wegotickets.com/

THE Billabong Comedy Club in Victoria Street, Rochester, sees top comedian Sarah Kendall, right, and rising star Daniel Simonsen try out their 2012 Edinburgh shows.

Kendall is an Aussie now based in the UK and widely accepted as one of the leading female comics in the country.

She has performed at the Melbourne Comedy Festival since 2000 and at the Edinburgh Fringe since 2003. She was nominated for the Perrier Award in 2004.

Simonsen has already won So You Think You Are Funny in 2008 as well as The Guardian's One To Watch contest. He has perfected his brooding Norwegian persona, which packed out his Edinburgh 2011 gig.



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





























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

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This Korean has still got soul and has lots more to tempt you

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THERE is a sense of 'You ain't seen nothing yet' about the impending arrival of Audi's third-generation A3 hatchback.

The model has already proved strong demand for a family hatch-size model with premium appeal, but downsizing has a firm hold on both company and private car-buyers now; swapping a bigger car for something smaller is a lot easier on your image if you replace it with something of known status, quality and sportiness.

And that's just what the A3 should offer when it arrives in September – order books are open, with prices from £19,205.

Available initially as a three-door, though we can confidently expect a five-door Sportback shortly after, it marks an evolution rather than revolution in style over its predecessor.

This approach has served Audi well before; customers know their car's second-hand values are never going to be poleaxed by a radically-reworked successor.

However, if the exterior is unremarkable, much has been done beneath it: Audi says it benefits from new lightweight construction technology – already seen on other models – saving fuel and improving dynamics.

As a result, the all-new A3 is an impressive 80kg lighter on average than its predecessor.

Similar attention has been lavished on fit and finish and overall build quality – not that it was poor before – and Audi claims the premium cabin "breaks new ground in the class with standards of materials, workmanship and ergonomics that genuinely push the boundaries at this level".

Beautifully made, then, but not cheap, with entry prices not far below 20 grand. At least the basic specs are not as miserly as Audis of old, with standard kit including alloys, air-con, premium sound system with electrically-folding screen, Bluetooth and iPod connection, sat-nav preparation kit and multi-function controls on the steering wheel.

As with previous A3s, we can be sure the newcomer will be no mug in the handling department, either, but the entry-level SE comes with the most comfort-orientated suspension, while mid-way Sport and flagship S line versions have a firmer sport setting, with a tuning pack available as a no-cost option on the S Line. Sport and S line buyers can also opt for the SE standard suspension if they wish.

Downsizers who tend to live in the car will like the way even the SE can be spec'd up via Audi's MMI navigation plus package, allowing upgrades on the sat-nav, plus 'jukebox' music storage, Google Earth, Google Street View, Audi online traffic information and internet access.

The engine options are redeveloped favourites that are up to 12 per cent better on fuel than their predecessors: there are turbocharged petrol 1.4-litre and 1.8-litre units plus three versions of a 2.0-litre TDI, all driving the front wheels.



AUDI A3

Price:
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Driving appeal:
not driven yet

Image:
★★★★★

Space:
★★★★

Value:
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Running costs:
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Reliability:
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How green?:
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New A3 weaves a real dream of beauty for the downsizers



STYLISH:
Audi's new A3 gives drivers many reasons to downsize and feel good about it

DON'T LIKE

... that there's no five-door A3 option from the off. Many buyers will want to hold on until this more practical Sportback option arrives

NOT SURE

... it offers good value versus a Golf from sister brand VW, but downsizers will feel better about their choice by having that premium badge

REALLY LIKE

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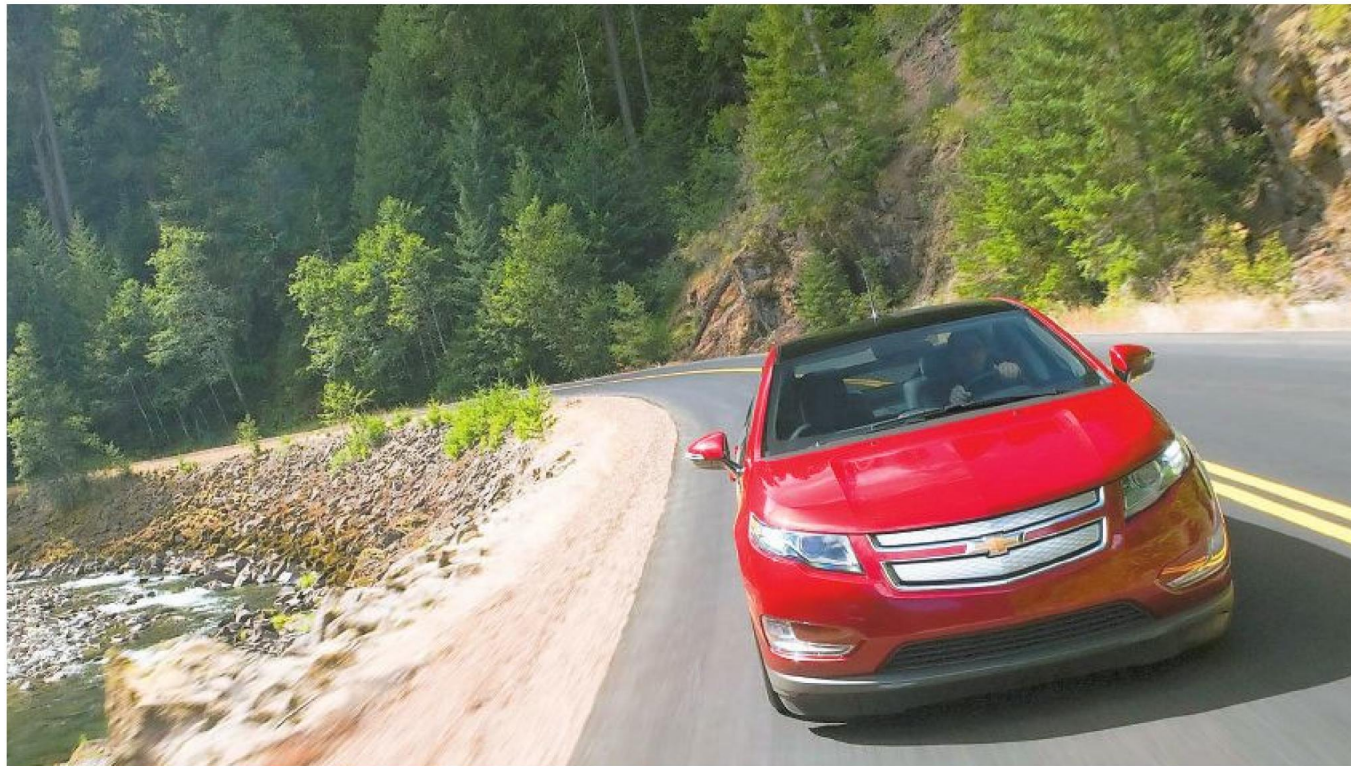
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Apple overtones in the 'iVolt'

By Steve Loader

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APPLE'S late boss Steve Jobs would have loved the look of the Chevrolet Volt hybrid.

The interior is awash with white – on the centre console, dashboard and doors, plus touch-sensitive controls – while colour screens replace conventional displays.

Excellent sound-proofing also means a sci-fi feel endures even as battery power wanes and the Volt's 'range extender' 86bhp 1.4-litre Astra petrol engine eases in automatically.

The Volt – or should that be the iVolt – also rides well on everything from dual carriageways to flaky rural lanes with dodgy cambers.

There's little doubt it's a game-changer, sitting between first-generation hybrids like the Toyota Prius, struggling overall to outperform 'eco-internal combustion' models like the VW Golf BlueMotion – dynamically, ecologically and economically – and all-electrics like the Nissan Leaf that induce range anxiety in drivers.

OK, the Volt costs £29,995, after deducting the Government's £5,000 plug-in grant – some four grand more than a grant-assisted Leaf – but full-electric car-buyers need extra cash anyway for taxis/hire cars, trains, planes or even a conventional second car for when their electric wonder-motor won't stretch without sparking range anxiety.

Yet the Volt is fully rechargeable via a standard power socket in six hours and offers up to 50 miles' electric-only local motoring or daily commuting – the latter assuming it can be recharged at the office.

If it runs out, though, or is needed for long-distance weekends and holidays, it switches automatically from batteries to petrol. Official stats are: combined consumption of 235mpg and road tax/Congestion Charge-exempt CO2 emissions of 27g/km

Like the hippy dreamcatcher-style of the Toyota Prius, it won't tickle your driving senses;

CHEVROLET VOLT : PRICE £29,995 (with Govt grant)



FACT FILE

Driving appeal:	★★★★
Image:	★★★★★
Space:	★★★★
Value:	★★★
Running costs:	★★★★★
Reliability:	★★★★★
How green?:	★★★★★
Road tax:	Zero
Best rival:	BMW 3 Series

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it's fully automatic and if you wind it up – winding those batteries down – you feel the weight of twin powertrains plus batteries and fuel.

This sees the car wanting to run wide if you get silly on a bend – kerb weight is 1,700kg against 1,400 for a similar-size Chevy Cruze.

To justify the racy looks and superhero lightning bolt through the name badge, you can at least select Sport mode and hit 62mph in nine seconds to beat big-exhaust/puny-engine Saxo boy away from the lights, but this soon poleaxes the batteries.

It feels like a coupé inside, though, with its low roofline, flashy dash and two noticeably separate rear seats – caused by slight intrusion from the battery array. And while this makes it a definite four-seater hatchback, it is a comfortable one with proper boot, and top spec including Bose sounds and heated seats.

The array of information is impressive, but you can just get into the car and drive – just

watch the green ball on the screen dead ahead.

Drive steadily and it floats serenely in the middle of its tube-like gauge. Floor the throttle or brake hard, though, and it bounces up or down and burns bright – the message is obvious and you soon learn to adjust your driving without ball-watching, but you'll get even more from the car by studying the handbook.

Key buyers will be the tech-mad, plus savvy business and private buyers looking beyond a high upfront price to big tax savings, though Chevrolet UK insists the car's technology and finish make it good value, echoing Chevrolet's thrifty market stance – though I can imagine many buyers preferring the prestige of a BMW 3-Series eco-model.

There are just two Volt dealerships for now – Wimbledon and Cambridge – though it can be ordered from any Chevy dealer, and you can be sure the car can be serviced by a Vauxhall-dealer selling the near-identical Ampera.

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Up goes up two doors

VOLKSWAGEN has opened the order book on five-door versions of its Up city car for August delivery, with prices from £8,360 – £365 more than the equivalent three-door model.

It shares the 2.42-metre wheelbase that allows an airy cabin within a modest length of just 3.54m. The five-door variant is expected to take more than half of all UK Up sales.



Less than 10K for Dacia SUV

RENAULT-owned Romanian car brand Dacia – pronounced 'Datch-ee-er' – launches at the end of this month, when order books open for its Duster SUV.

It will be astonishing value at under £10,000 and a curtain-raiser for the even cheaper Sandero family car, priced at less than £7,000.

They are being sold via selected Renault dealers and both go on the road next January.



Tourer boost for Hyundai

SALES of Hyundai's suave new i30 family hatchback range are to be boosted soon by the arrival of the Tourer (estate) model.

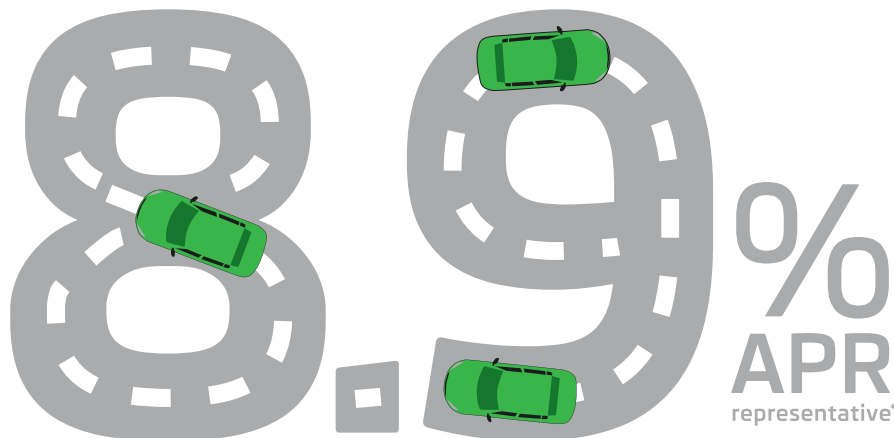
Prices have yet to be released, but the Korean marque, which is proving a genuine threat to established mainstream marques like VW, Ford and Vauxhall, expects the Tourer to add a further 30 per cent to i30 sales across Europe.

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Crossover still not 'out-souled'

By Steve Loader
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SOUL proved to be a great name for Kia's innovative urban crossover, launched in 2008.

For here was a car that did indeed show Kia had soul – it was the first time the ambitious Korean brand had stepped outside of the mainstream market.

It may have been outclassed a little since then by new crossover arrivals, but it has never been 'out-souled'; even after a radical revamp for 2012 it remains great value for £12,495, with Kia's unique peace-of-mind seven-year or 100,000-mile warranty.

The makeover included revised powertrains and, notably, six-speed gearboxes as standard to boost performance while cutting fuel consumption, emissions and running costs.

The Soul's distinctive chunky styling was sharpened by changes to the grilles, lights, front bodywork and wheels.

Following a recent trend across its range, Kia also added quality to the interior to match the durability that was already there.

All versions have even more



Driving appeal:	★★★★
Image:	★★★★
Space:	★★★★
Value:	★★★★★
Reliability:	★★★★★
How green?:	★★★
Road tax:	£170
Best rival:	Citroen C3 Picasso

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equipment than before, but the range has been streamlined to Soul 1 and Soul 2, plus the Hunter – as tested here – and Quantum ‘Soul Originals’, the latest in a rolling programme of specials with unique styling and trim.

Kia sees the five-seat/five-door car as an urban crossover – small enough to be handy in the city but big and flexible for families. With its customisable looks, it's also a more practical alternative to the indi-

vidualism of the Mini and Fiat 500.

Launched in 2008, it now also gets the petrol power it deserves in the form of a new direct-injection (GDI) unit developing 138bhp – up 14bhp on the previous 1.6-litre – and a modified version of the existing diesel developing 126bhp. The latter is also available with a six-speed auto, tested here.

As proved on previous outings, the diesel is lively and refined, though predictably reined in by

the auto, which adds £1,100 to the price.

What is impressive, though, is the amount of kit gained with the smart Hunter spec, which includes 18-inch alloys, LED running lights, powered sunroof, extra chrome, electrically-folding door-mirrors and what I reckon is the best reversing camera in the business. Why? Because it's mounted in the rear-view mirror – the logical place.

Flying the flag for sailing team

DOUBLE Olympic-gold-medalist sailor Sarah Ayton OBE rallied extra support for Britain's team at the London Olympics when she visited Aylesford Primary School, Maidstone, and the nearby Lipscomb Volvo dealership.

It was all part of a nationwide dealership tour organised by Volvo Car UK to celebrate its heritage and legacy in British sailing – a regular success story at the Olympics.

Sarah also hoped it would raise support for the current Olympics sailing team, even though she has now retired from competition: "It would be great to have as much support and backing from the British public as possible and turn people into armo

After she met more than 70 guests at Lipscomb Volvo, dealer principal Mark Stevens said: "It was an honour to meet Sarah and we wish the Team Volvo sailors the very best of luck this summer – we will certainly be watching their progress very closely and we hope they win gold on home turf."



VISIT: Sarah Ayton
at Lipscomb Volvo

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PARALYMPICS

Brands track to push cycle stars to the limit in pursuit of gold glory

By Greg Miles

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THE world's top Paralympic cycling stars descended on Brands Hatch this week as they begin their final preparations for visiting the venue in September for four days of racing action.

More than 150 athletes cycled around the course, prompting many to label it as the most challenging track they have ever ridden.

And it's easy to see why when standing alongside it.

Its undulating corners, and steep hills, which account for approximately 25 per cent of the course, with gradients of six per cent, would be a struggle for most to run up let alone cycle, which made for a testing afternoon when the representatives from 26 nations took part in a training day at the venue.

But it's that challenge which also excites them, and in particular British Cycling Paracycling performance manager Gareth Sheppard, who is yet to name his squad for the Games.

"It's going to be a really good course, enough of a technical challenge," he said. "You can see it really does roll, and there are some sharp uphill, it's go-

ing to favour some of the GB riders.

"We have been spending time on their cornering skills, looking at the profile of the course, and spending time here to ensure they have familiarity with it."

One of those is time trial rider Mark Colbourne. The Welshman is a C1 rider – the classification for riders on upright bikes with the most severe disability.

"It's a fantastic circuit," he said. "I've only ever seen it on the TV, I'm surprised how steep the course is, when you see it on the TV it looks flat, but it's quite surprising. We had a drive around in the car to see the road part of the course. It does look quite tough."

The course is spread over 4km of the race track, and another 4km of the roads outside the venue. There are three events taking place at the track, with cyclists battling it out for glory in the time trials, road races, and team relays.

While some of the GB team may know the course, it was a chance for the international athletes to sample the world-class venue for the first time.

Canadian-born, naturalised Australian, Carol Cooke found

the course tough on her trike, but also managed to get up to 60kph in places.

"On a two-wheel bike you ride upright, but a trike you have to counter balance. It's a bit tricky. You're leaning and trikes are very hard to turn," she said.

"This is my very first Paralympics and it's going to be one of the most challenging time trials I've ever done. I was really nervous when I was looking at it coming in wondering how I was going to get up the hills."

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MARK COLBOURNE, TEAM GB

There was one rider in particular for whom the track had an element of familiarity.

Fomer Formula One driver Alex Zanardi lost both of his legs in a car crash in Germany in 2001, and now represents the Italian paracycling team, and has won marathons in Rome and New York.

He said: "Knowing the circuit better than anybody else I thought I would know where to negotiate braking points, where to slow down and take the right lines. But, in reality, the course is so wide that you never even cuddle the brakes other than the first corner that goes onto the outside section. But I really enjoyed it, it is fantastic."

"The last part is the most difficult because in terms of personal pleasure and doing things right it is probably not the easiest area."

"But when you reach the penultimate climb going to the hairpin [Druids] you are already very tired but you know that if you are close enough in terms of time to your opponents, this is the area where you are either going to win or lose the race. You've got to be really able to make the difference in the last two climbs."

Picture: JUSTIN SETTERSFIELD



TOUGH: Paracyclists found the Brands Hatch course a challenge

Picture: ON EDITION



RECORD: Richard Dobell has played at the top level in all formats

PARALYMPICS

Trio set for world stage in Team GB's first ever sitting volleyball squad

FOR Richard Dobell there is something quite ironic about being selected in Team GB's sitting volleyball squad for the Paralympic Games.

The 45-year-old from Beckenham was at the top of the volleyball game with the England and Great Britain indoor and beach teams, earning more than 160 caps.

But several years ago his paralympic classification came through as a serious knee injury meant he was no longer able to compete in the able bodied version of the game, which has brought about an extension to his career.

"The irony of it is that it's extended my career," he said. "There are lots of clichés to describe being selected. It's pretty special to go to a Paralympics and when you live in the London area it puts the icing on the cake."

"I have known about my selection for a

couple of weeks now and it's been difficult to keep it under wraps."

Dobell captained the England indoor volleyball teams from 1987 to 2002 and competed on the international beach volleyball tour, and is believed to be the first ever player to compete at the highest international standard in all three volleyball disciplines.

He made his debut at the 2007 European Championships, competing against Latvia and he has since earned more than 28 GB caps.

He said he expects the tournament, which takes place from August 30, until September 8 at the ExCel Centre, to be a difficult one.

"It's going to be a difficult tournament, but the squad has been together for four years now," he said. "We are going to try to beat all the teams put in front of us."

The county has two other players to have been selected for the side, including Gurkha Netra Rana, who lives in Folkestone. He has become a valuable member of the team in recent years, winning the Most Valuable Player award at the Continental Cup in 2011.

He said: "It has been a hard rehabilitation process for me but sitting volleyball has helped me physically and emotionally."

"I am very proud to be selected in the squad and I will be honoured to take to the court in the summer with my team mates to represent Great Britain and make my country and family proud."

The third Kent name in the squad is Claire Harvey, who was born in Chatham but now lives in Ashford. The 36-year-old captained Scotland women's rugby union side from 1994 to 1997 and gained more than 50 caps.

MOTORSPORT

Byrne hopes to have the edge on demanding track

By Greg Miles
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SHANE Byrne is hoping his rivals' three week rest from the British Superbike series will work against them this weekend at Knockhill.

The Sheppey rider is confident he will be sharper than his opposition having been in racing action at Silverstone last weekend, testing for the British Moto GP team in Spain the weekend before while his rivals were enjoying time off.

The 35-year-old is currently third in the series, behind Kent rival Tommy Hill in second, and Aussie Josh Brookes in first.

"They have had three weeks off, and in the first session they will be finding their feet, but I will jump out on the bike having ridden on Sunday," he said.

"They will be fresh but there is no training that is as good as riding the bike."

Although he is hoping to hit the ground running, he knows the Scottish circuit is a tricky and tight track and one that will be physically demanding, which is in contrast to the open tarmac at Silverstone where he won the support race for the British Grand Prix.

"I have gone from the fastest, widest most open track in the UK to one of the shortest, busiest and smallest little tracks, so the contrast is pretty big," he said.

"It's an incredibly busy circuit, there is absolutely no rest, or respite, everywhere around the track you are wrestling the bike, trying to stop it wheeling or sliding.



SHARP: Byrne was in racing action at Silverstone last weekend while his rivals have enjoyed time off

"This weekend, like others, is about racking up the podium credits, I think the weather conditions will go one way or another, it's either lovely or horrendous."

In last year's championship he picked up a double podium, with third and second place finishes,

while Kent rival Tommy Hill won both races on the way to winning the title.

His last race in the BSB series at Snetterton at the end of May gave mixed results as he failed to finish the first race, while claiming second in the last race.

FOOTBALL

Ward only wants committed players to join Brickies team

JOINT Sittingbourne boss Danny Ward says he is not concerned at missing out on transfer targets after defender Nick Davis joined rivals Faversham Town.

Ward had held talks with Davis, who played for him and his brother at Ramsgate, but called off any deal after the centre back said he wanted to talk to the Lilywhites, where he eventually signed this week.

The joint manager insisted he only wants players who are committed to the club.

"I want players who want to play for this club," he said. "We held off from signing him because he wanted to speak to his manager at work, and then he said he wanted to go and speak to Faversham, so as far as I was concerned that was it for me.

"I don't want to offer the extra £5 or £10 for players to come here."

He was expecting last season's stand-in manager Joe Dowley to return to the line up this year, but now understands the Brickies' stalwart may be set to turn out for Kent Premier League side Canterbury City next season.



GONE? Dowley's future uncertain

He said: "Maybe it's for the best, but that's down to him. There will always be players you miss out on, that's the way it goes.

"If players want to sign for an extra £10, £5 then go and enjoy yourself, the extra money doesn't make a difference when they are out on the pitch, it's down to the style of play.

"I have got plenty of players to speak to. We have nine signed on the dotted line, and we have four more people to speak to this week."

DARTS

Organisers already on the oche for next classic event

WITH the dust barely settling on the tenth Sheppey Darts Classic organiser Tony Cox already has an eye on next year's event.

While he had hoped this year's contest would be the best yet, the number of entrants dropped off notably because of a Father's Day clash, but for Cox it didn't detract from a great tournament.

He already has ideas about how to improve it for next year, with one sticking point the event's location at Merlins in Leysdown, which is a distance from the nearest train station.

Cox is considering arranging for a taxi firm to run shuttle buses to and from the station to help swell the crowds.

"It went really well, it was down on numbers on Sunday, which was because of Father's Day," he said. "There were 29 who had paid, but didn't turn up."

He was hoping that for the first time, the temptation of BDO ranking points would bring in a stellar line-up, but it was hard to tell whether that had made an impact because of those that failed to show.



WINNER: Douglas won pairs title

"We couldn't see if it made a difference this year because of the problem of absence," he said.

"We are looking forward to next year, which has been pencilled in for June 8 and 9."

Shane Burgess, from Hastings, clinched the men's singles with a 6-1 win over Portsmouth's Danny Pinhorn, while Clive Barden and Steve Douglas won the pairs competition.

CRICKET ROUND-UP



Minster secure derby day win

GORE Court had to settle for a losing draw after Jack Robertson hit an impressive 118 not out for HSBC.

Court put their visitors into bat and ended up struggling to bowl out the impressive HSBC top order.

Robertson made his 118 from just 97 balls, as HSBC finished on 272 for four.

Gore Court's reply got off to a dreadful start with James Wollard going for nine runs, and Mahamd Alikhail for none.

But Baber Choudhary (96), Christain Marsh (73) and Hemantah Alles (59) gave them a chance as they finished on 258 for nine.

Bapchild took on Bromley Town, and won by five wickets. They managed to bowl their visitors out for 150, and reached their total thanks to 47 from Adam Larking for the loss of five wickets.

Minster took on Rodmersham in the Swale derby and won by two runs.

Minster won the toss and decided to bat, and made 143 all out, with Virenda Vegda top scoring on 37, while Darren Noakes took 5-30 with the ball for Rodmersham.

In reply, the hosts came agonizingly close to victory but were bowled out for 141.

Noakes completed a decent all round performance by top scoring for his side with 34, but he became the final wicket to fall – stumped by George Duggan from Martin Hammond's delivery.

Virenda Vegda again completed a good performance by finishing as the top bowler with 5-38.

KENT CRICKET LEAGUES

DIVISION TWO

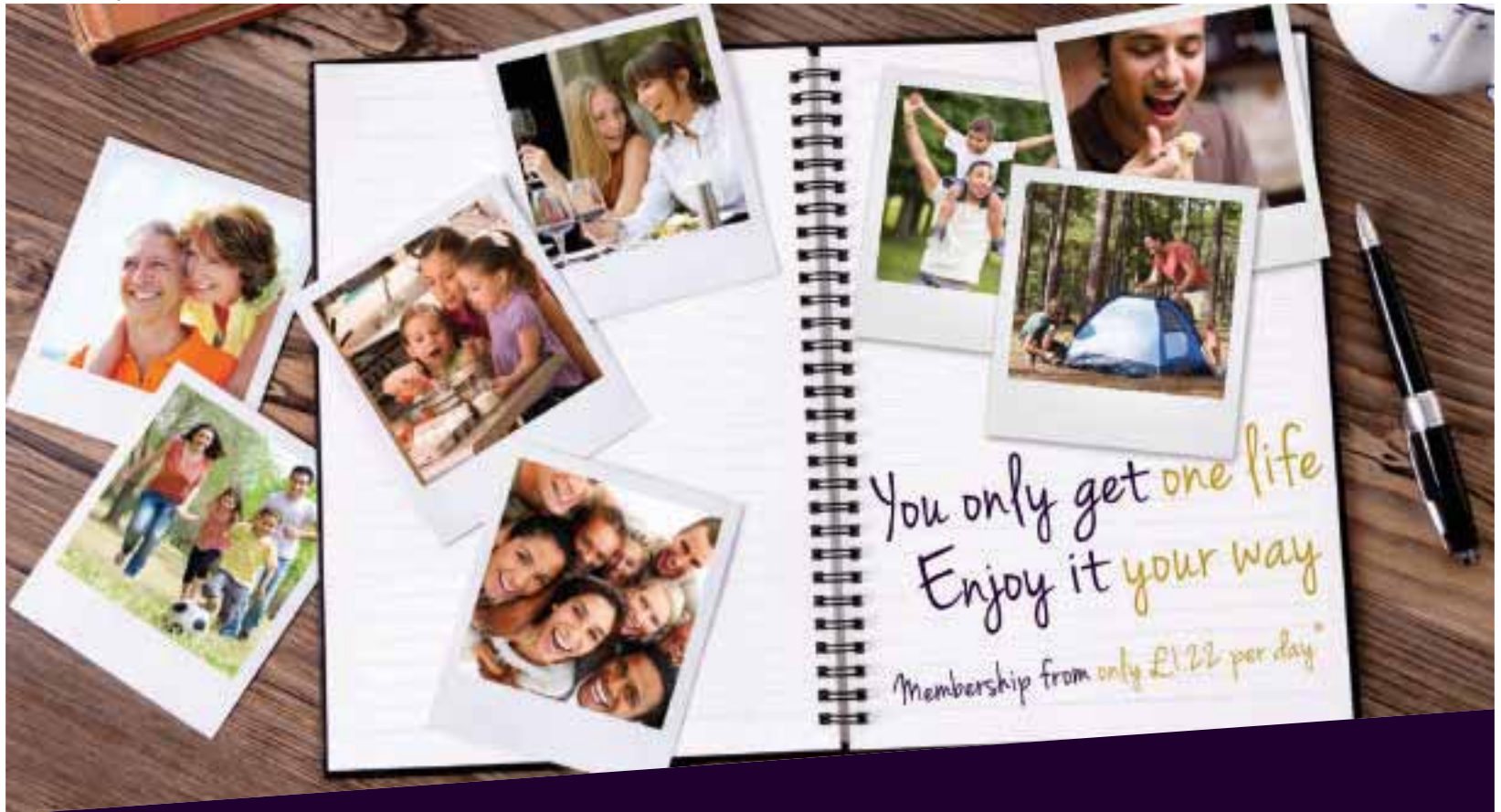
	P	W	WD	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Linden Park	7	4	0	4	6	97
Catford and Cyphers	7	4	0	1	6	91
Gore Court	7	3	0	7	6	81
Bromley Common	7	3	0	5	11	80
Hayes	7	2	1	7	10	71
Gravesend	7	2	1	7	11	68
Upchurch	7	2	1	12	14	64
HSBC	7	1	2	10	18	60
Ashford Town	7	2	0	4	5	57
Dartford	7	2	0	6	11	57

DIVISION FOUR

Minster (Sheppey)	7	4	0	4	7	99
Nonington	7	4	1	5	4	91
Sidcup	7	3	1	7	10	91
Cowdrey	7	4	0	4	4	84
Macknade	7	3	0	5	11	80
Gravesend RF	7	1	2	12	17	65
Betteshanger Colliery	7	2	0	1	8	61
Rodmersham	7	1	0	8	12	56
Rainham (Kent)	7	1	0	10	15	53
Bexleyheath	7	1	1	7	14	51

DIVISION FIVE

Chislehurst & West Kent	7	4	0	0	3	96
Offham	7	5	0	1	2	95
OD CUAO	7	4	0	3	3	94
R A C S	7	4	0	2	3	85
Bapchild	7	3	1	6	4	72
Blackheath	7	3	0	5	4	69
Bromley Town	7	1	0	5	8	49
Bickley Park	7	0	1	5	9	44
Deal Victoria BC	7	1	0	10	9	43
Wickham Park	7	0	0	6	12	26



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